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**The desire  
and flames  
named  
insanity**

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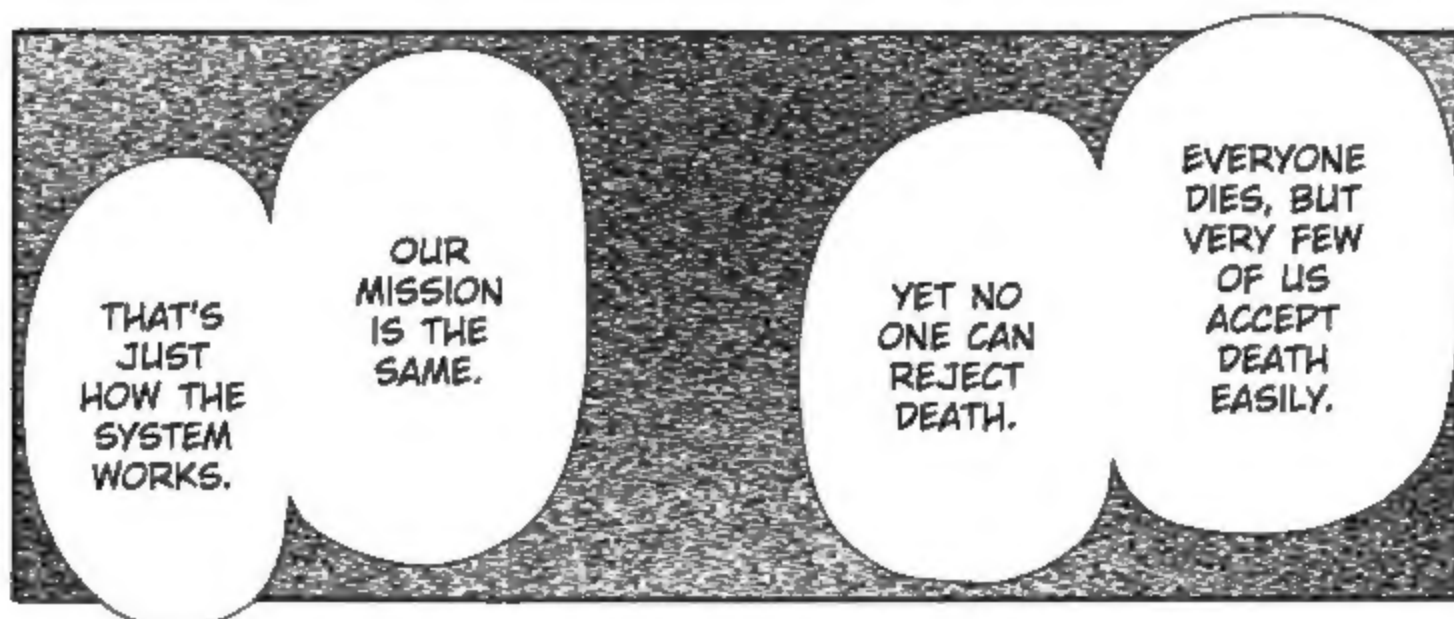
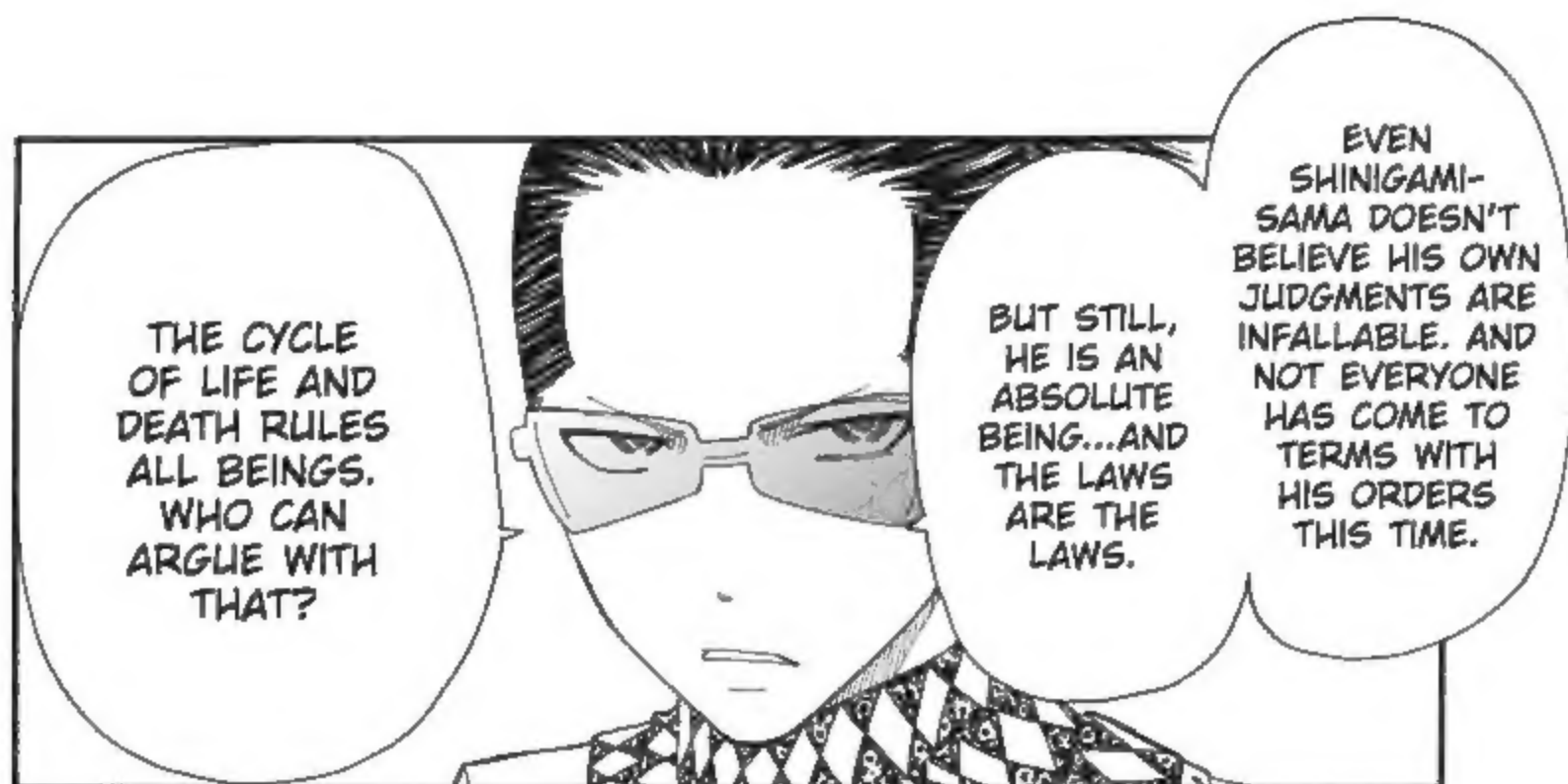
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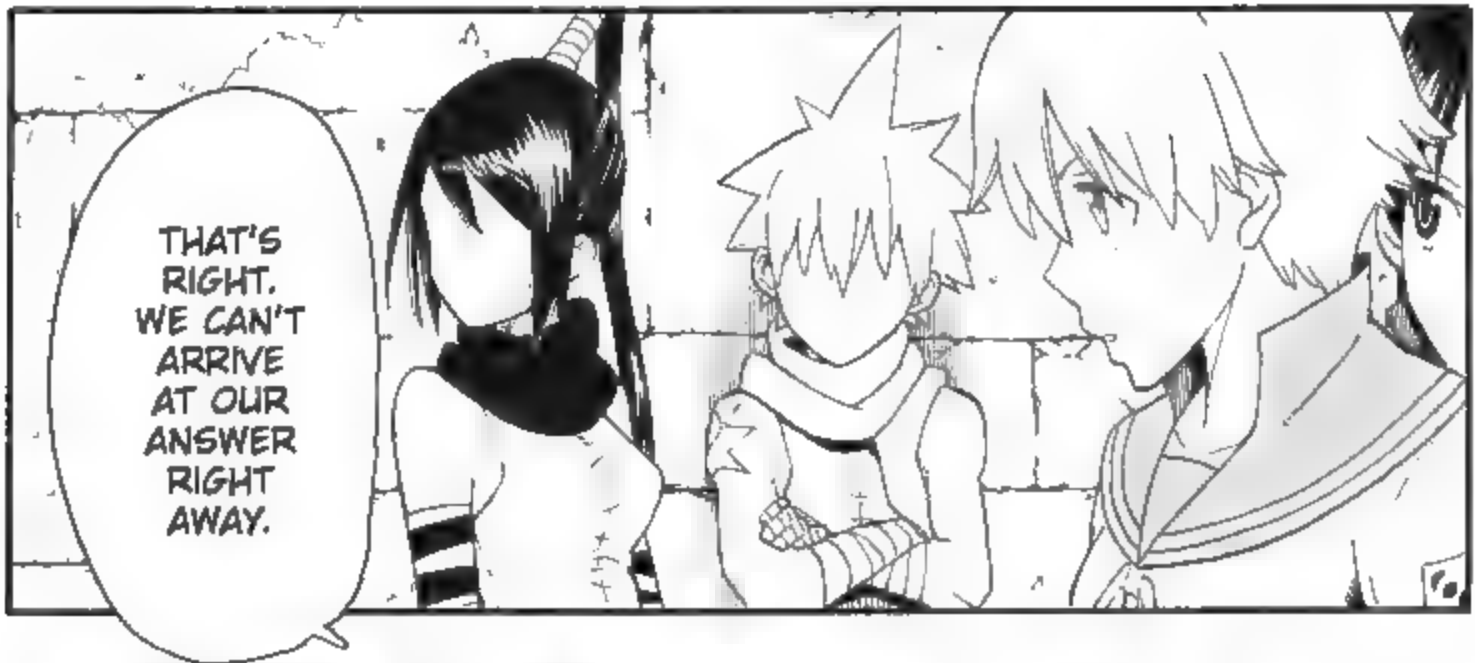
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**CHAPTER 93: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 3)**

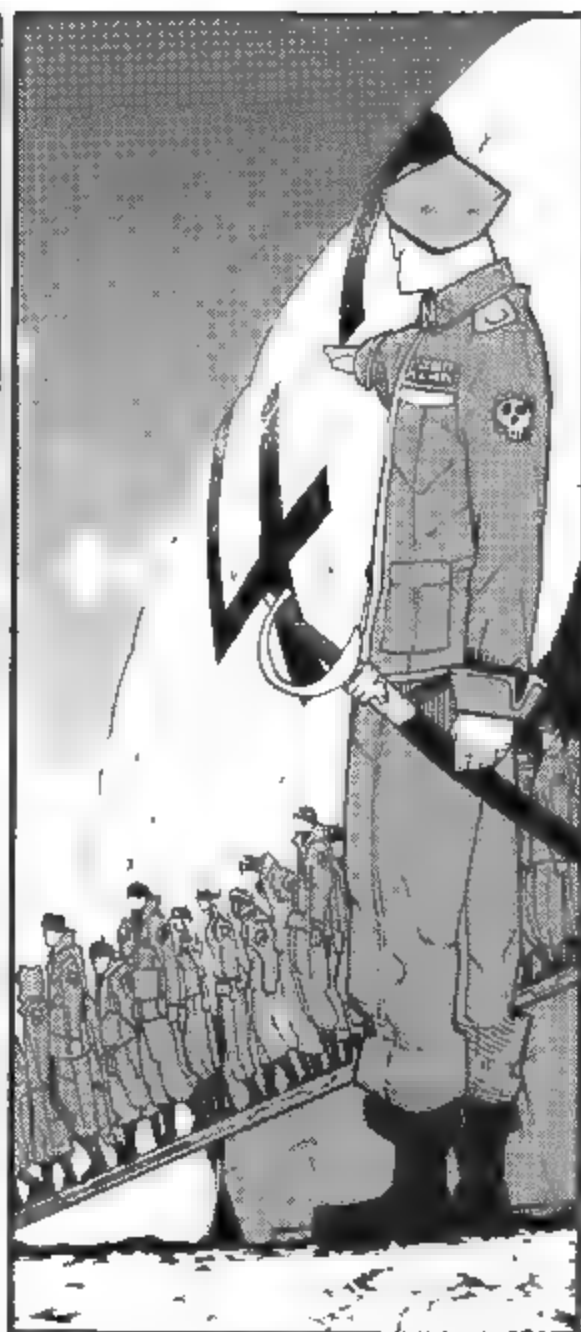


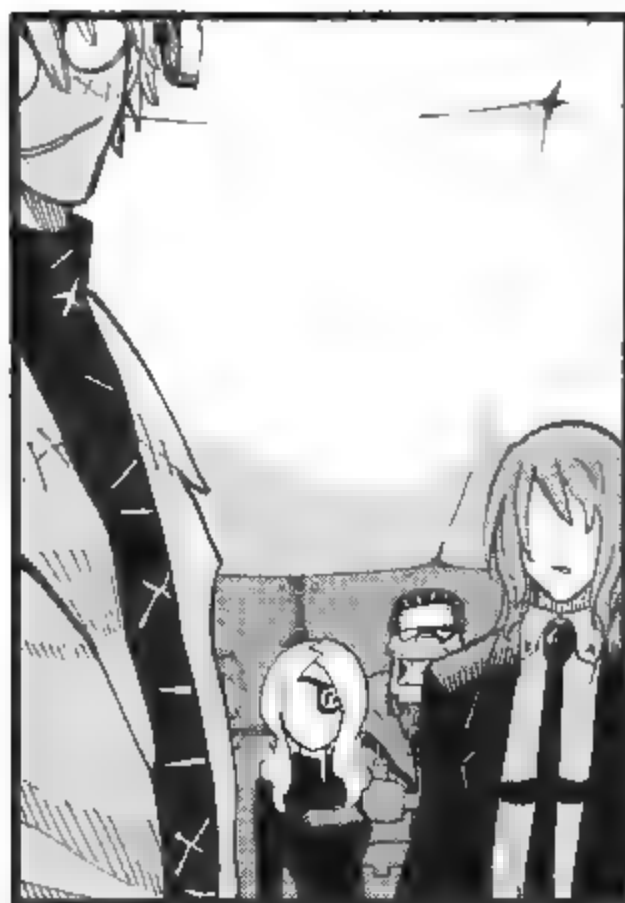






ON THE  
MOON





I'M  
FINALLY  
FREE...

AHH...



AUNTIE...

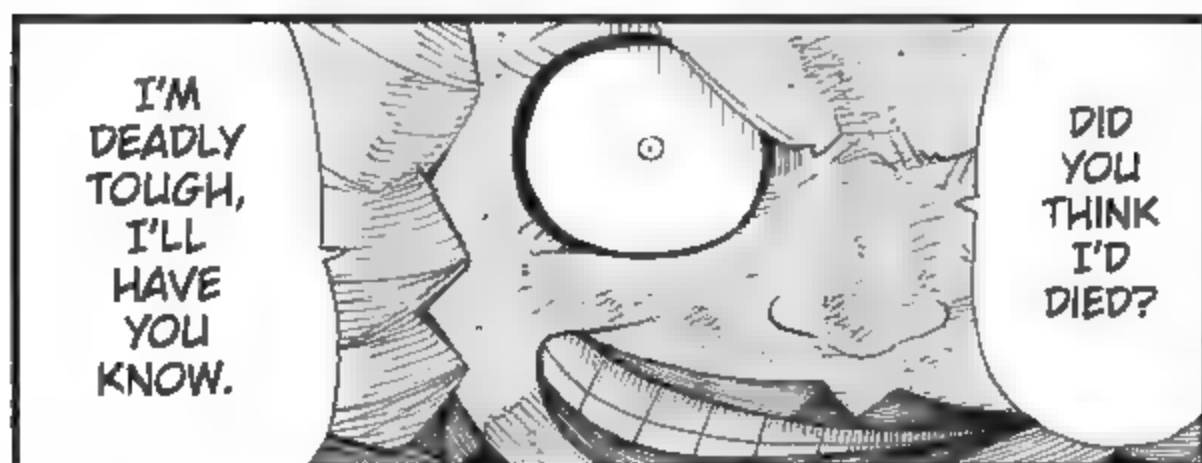
OOOO  
(WHOOSH)

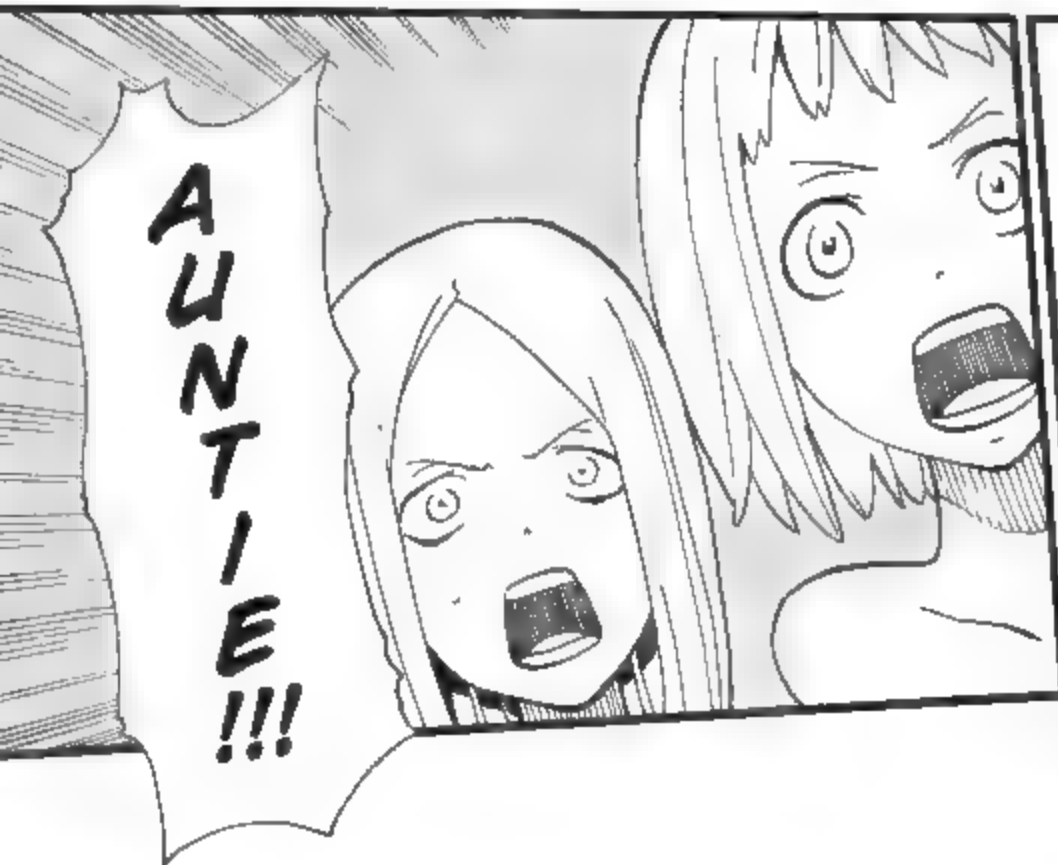
KOFF  
!!

KOFF  
!!

HOW  
DID THAT  
PIG...TAKE  
DOWN  
MOON-  
LIGHT.. ?







**AUNTIE!!!!**

BACHAN  
(GHOP)

**AUNTIE!!!!!!**



AUNT-  
IE...







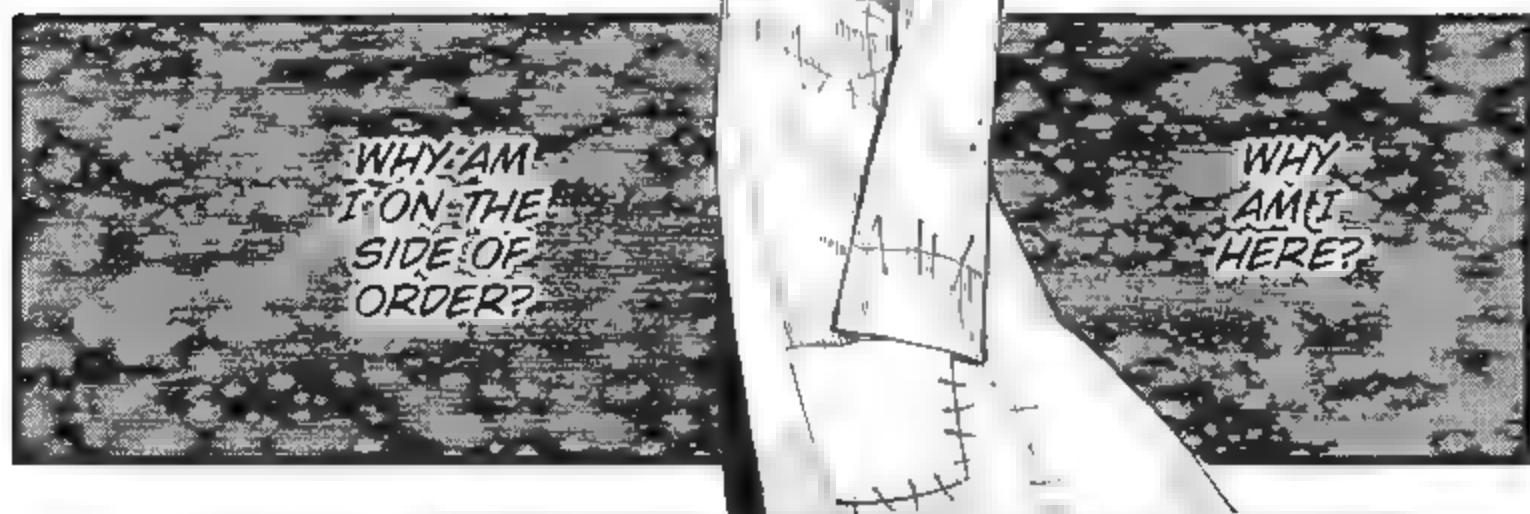






ORDER AND  
MADNESS ARE  
COLLIDING  
FORCES.  
CONFLICT IS  
INEVITABLE...  
THERE IS NO  
REASON  
FOR IT.

INVASIONS...  
RESOURCES...  
ETHNIC CONFLICT...  
THERE ARE MANY  
REASONS THAT  
WARS HAPPEN,  
BUT THIS WAR  
HAS NONE...



WHY AM  
I ON THE  
SIDE OF  
ORDER?

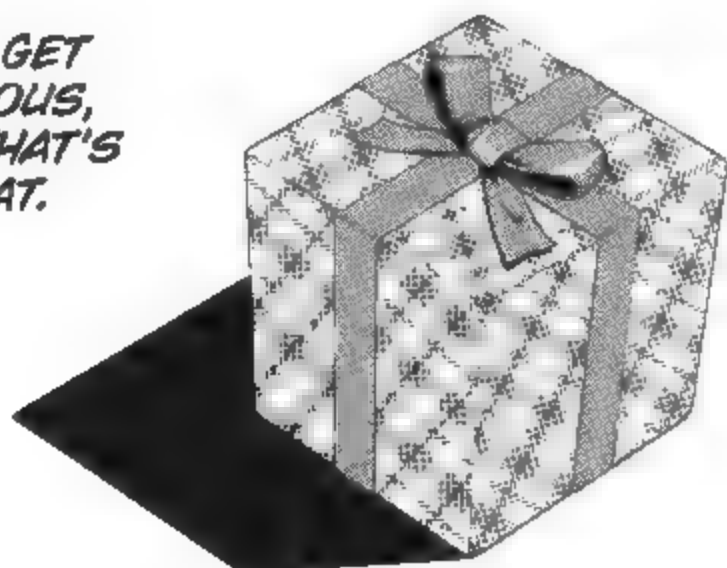
WHY  
AM I  
HERE?



I JUST  
WANT  
TO RIP  
THINGS  
APART.

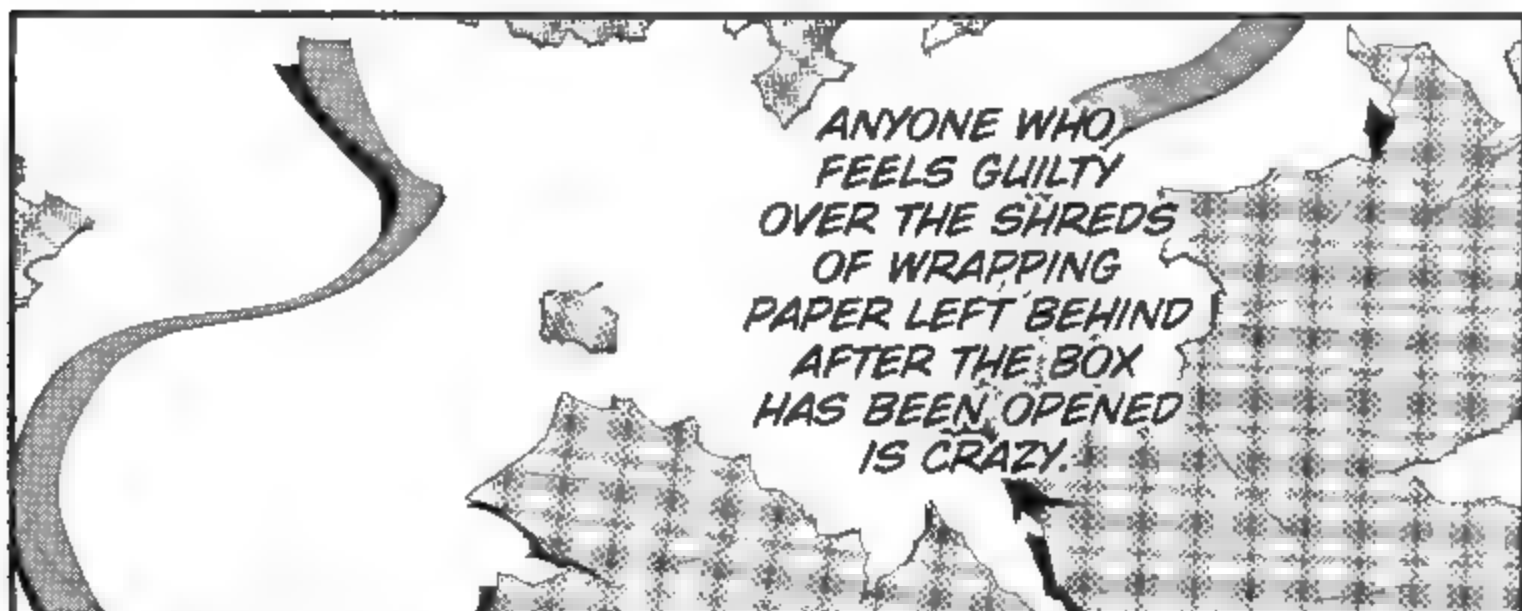
IF THIS  
BATTLE HAS  
NO REASON,  
THEN I DON'T  
NEED ONE  
EITHER...

**YOU GET  
CURIOUS,  
AND THAT'S  
THAT.**



**WHO NEEDS  
A REASON TO  
BE CURIOUS  
ABOUT THE  
CONTENTS  
OF A NEATLY-  
WRAPPED  
BOX?**

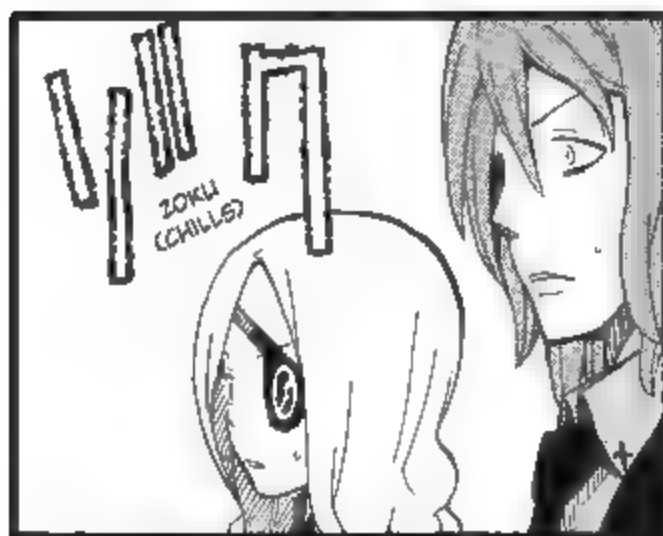
**ANYONE WHO  
FEELS GUILTY  
OVER THE SHREDS  
OF WRAPPING  
PAPER LEFT BEHIND  
AFTER THE BOX  
HAS BEEN OPENED  
IS CRAZY.**



**TRUE,  
PRESENTS  
AND LIVING  
BEINGS  
MIGHT BE  
DIFFERENT  
THINGS...**



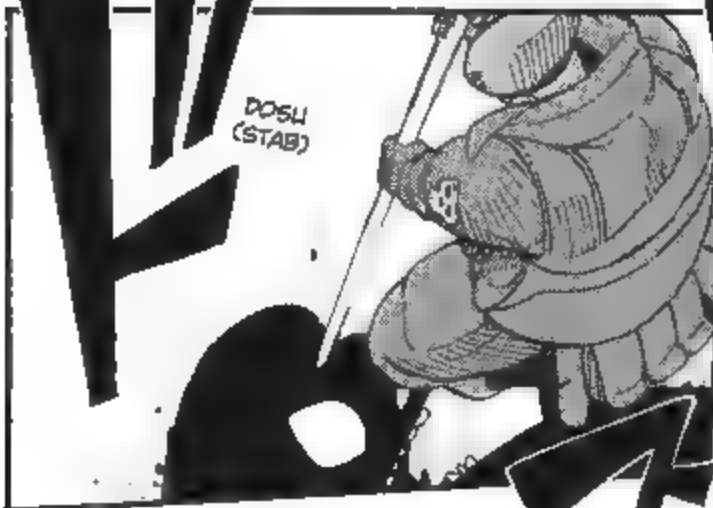




**NOW,  
TO THE  
OPERATING  
ROOM...**



ゴウウウウウ  
(RRRUMBLE)



DOSU  
(STAB)



BASU  
(SLASH)



...BUT  
I'M NOT  
SO EASY  
AS YOU  
SEEM TO  
THINK.



THEY ALL  
COME  
LUSTING  
AFTER  
MY  
NAKED  
FORM...

RA  
(GLIDE)



**PELT  
OF THE  
FIRE  
RAT!**

CHIRO  
(FWIP)

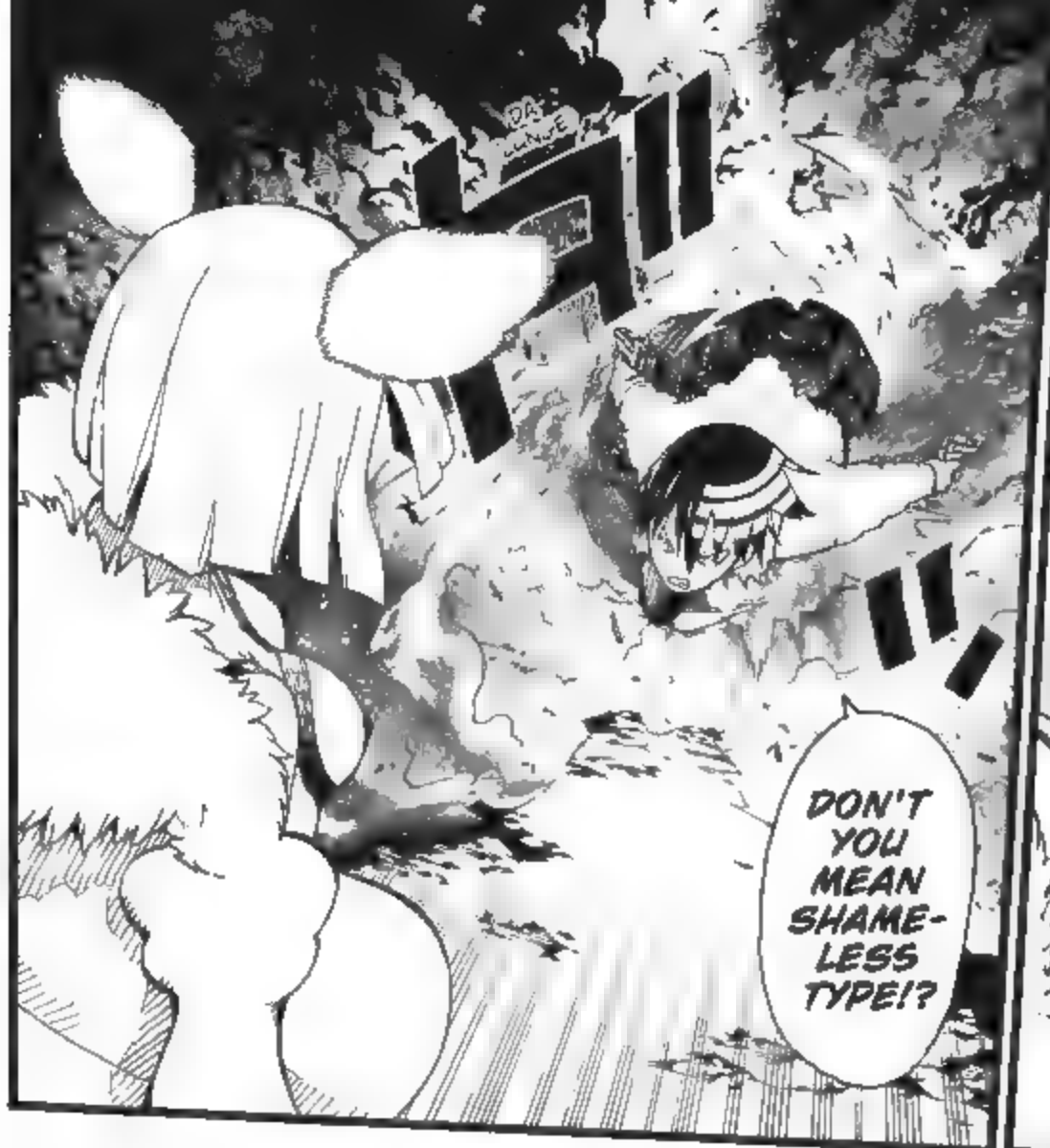
BASA  
(FWFF)

**WARD-  
ROBE  
CHANGE!**

**FLAM-  
ING  
MOON  
RING!!**

**AGH  
!!**

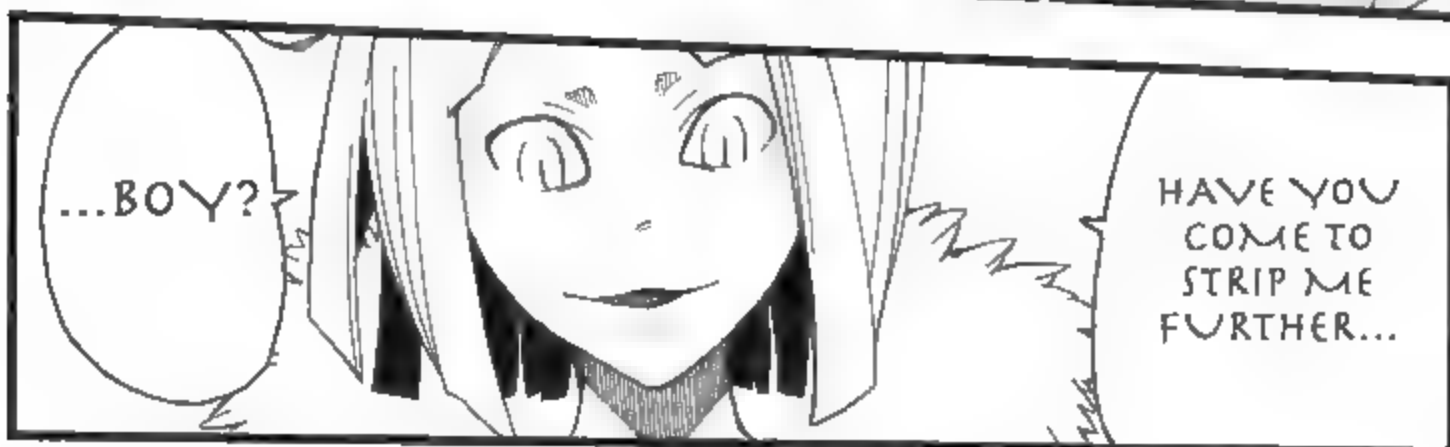
BOU  
(FWOOND)



DON'T  
YOU  
MEAN  
SHAME-  
LESS  
TYPE!?



I KNOW  
YOU'VE  
COME A  
LONG WAY  
TO SEE ME,  
BUT ALAS,  
I'M  
THE SHY  
TYPE



...BOY?

HAVE YOU  
COME TO  
STRIP ME  
FURTHER...



DAN  
(STOMP)

FI!

IF YOU  
WANT TO  
SEE MY BODY  
SO BADLY,  
WHY HAVE  
YOU  
BROUGHT  
ME NO  
GIFTS?

BOU  
(FWOOND)



BUT YOU  
KNOW, I AM  
NOT SUCH A  
HARLOT THAT  
I WOULD  
REMOVE MY  
CLOTHES FOR  
TAWDRY  
TRINKETS.

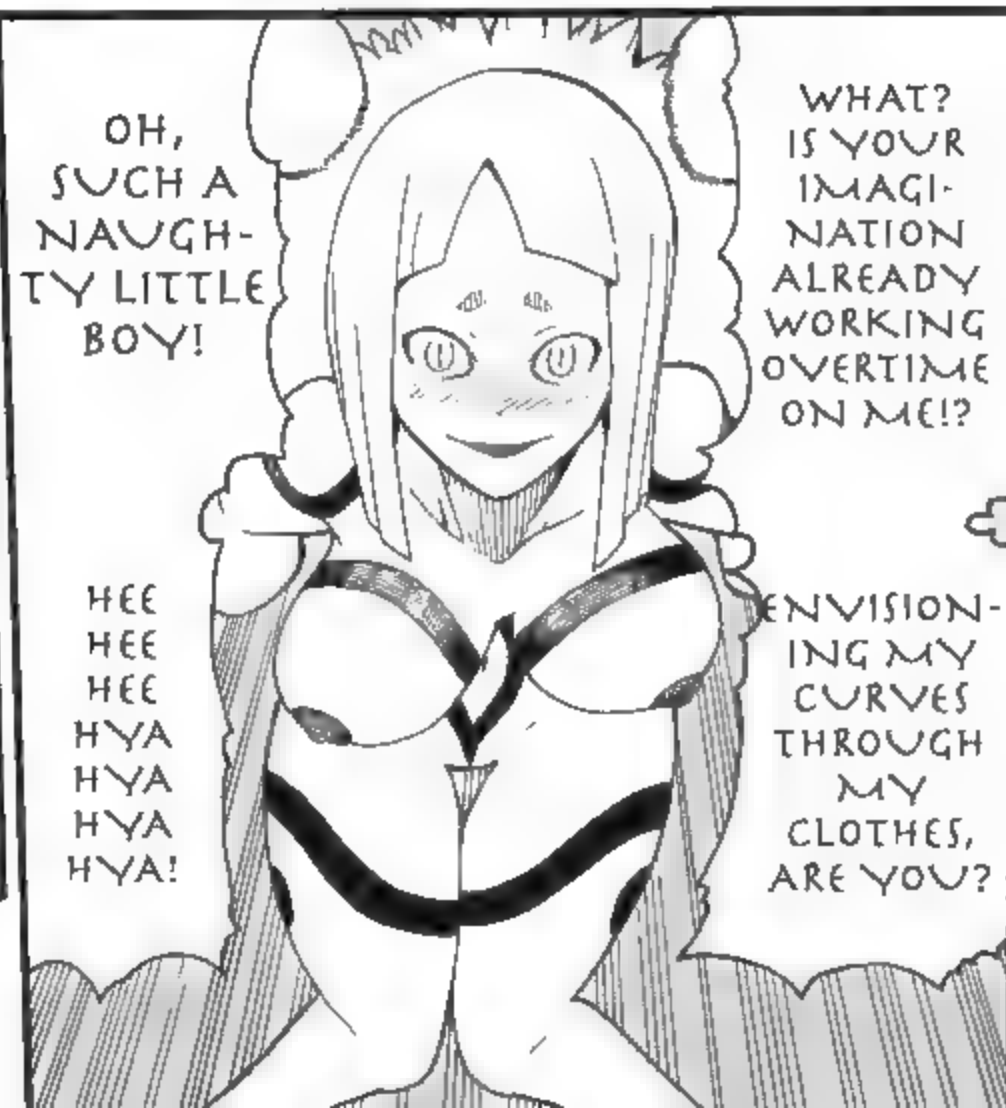
**BRAPAPAPAPAPA**

**THE HELL,  
YOU SAY!!  
YOU'RE  
STARK NAKED  
ALREADY!!**



ALL  
RIGHT,  
I'M  
TIRED OF  
TALKING  
TO YOU.

YOU  
PISS ME  
OFF!!

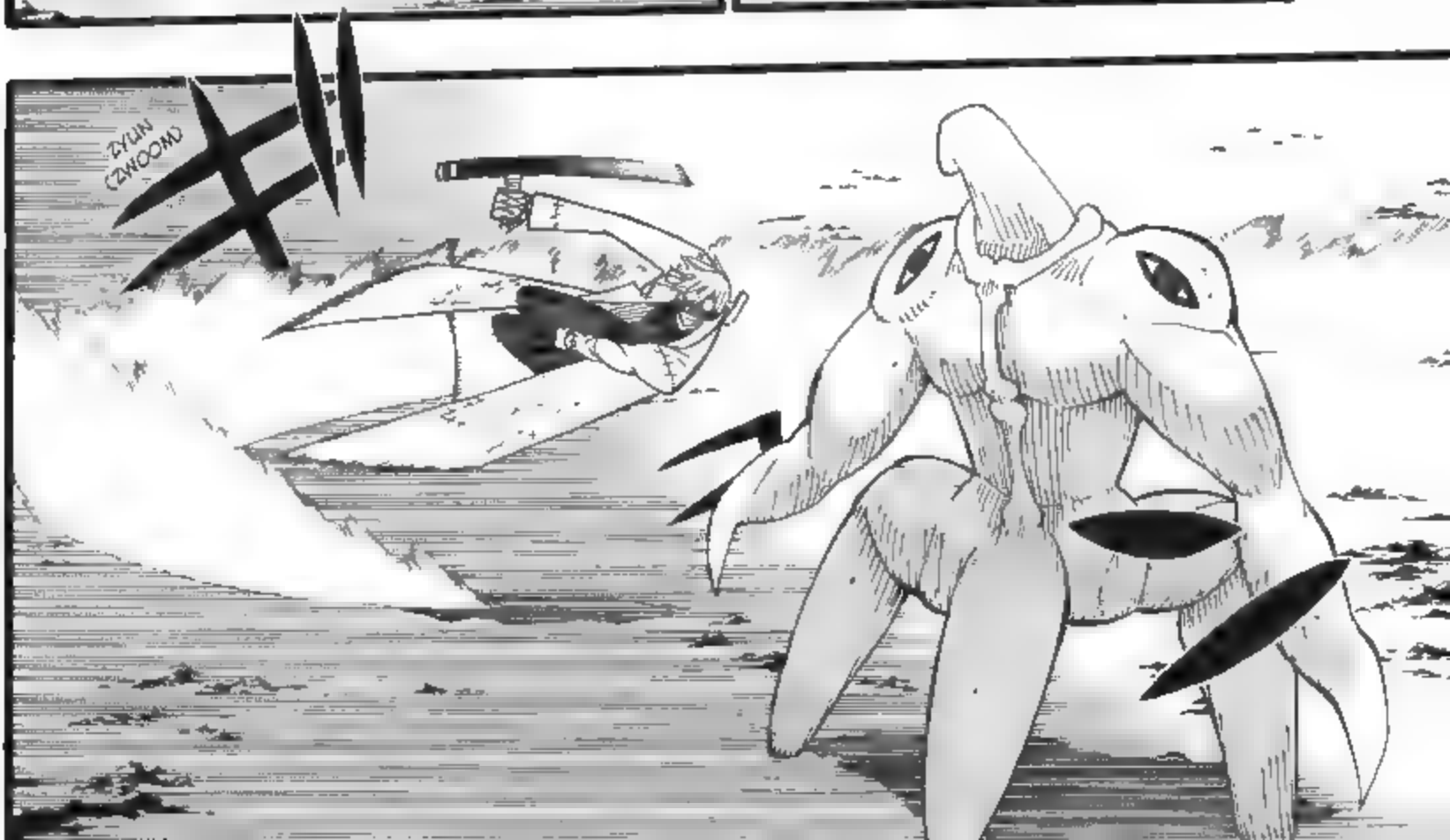


OH,  
SUCH A  
NAUGH-  
TY LITTLE  
BOY!

HEE  
HEE  
HEE  
HYA  
HYA  
HYA  
HYA!

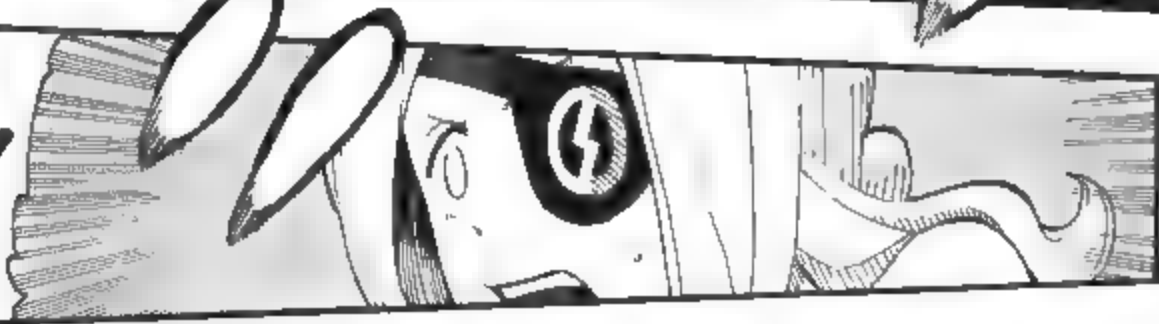
WHAT?  
IS YOUR  
IMAGI-  
NATION  
ALREADY  
WORKING  
OVERTIME  
ON ME!?

ENVISION-  
ING MY  
CURVES  
THROUGH  
MY  
CLOTHES,  
ARE YOU?





**STEIN!!**



...BUT  
IT'S  
MORE  
LIKE...

I THOUGHT  
WE WERE  
HERE TO  
DEFEAT THE  
KISHIN...





**...HE'S  
THE  
KISHIN  
HIM-  
SELF...**

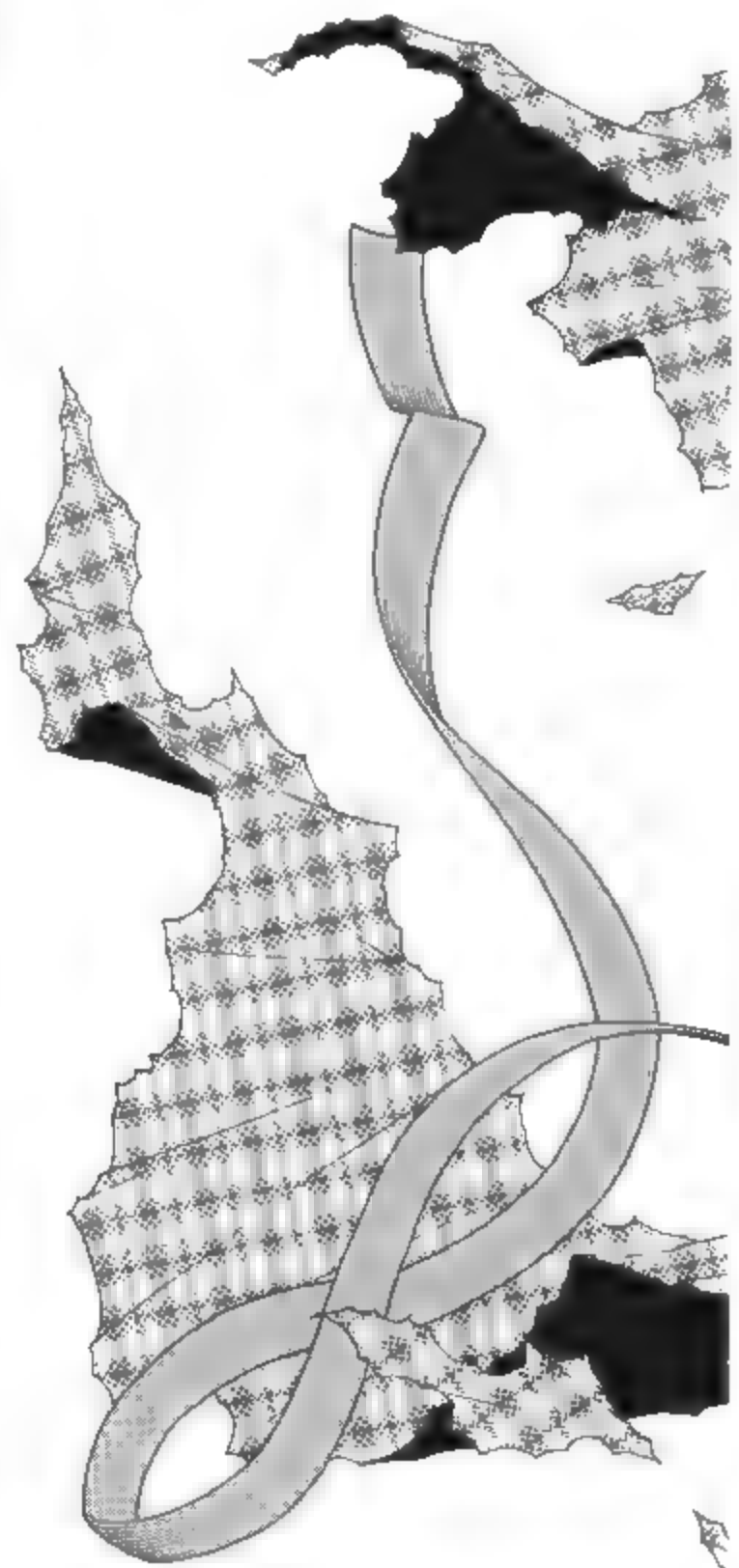
DON  
BOOM!

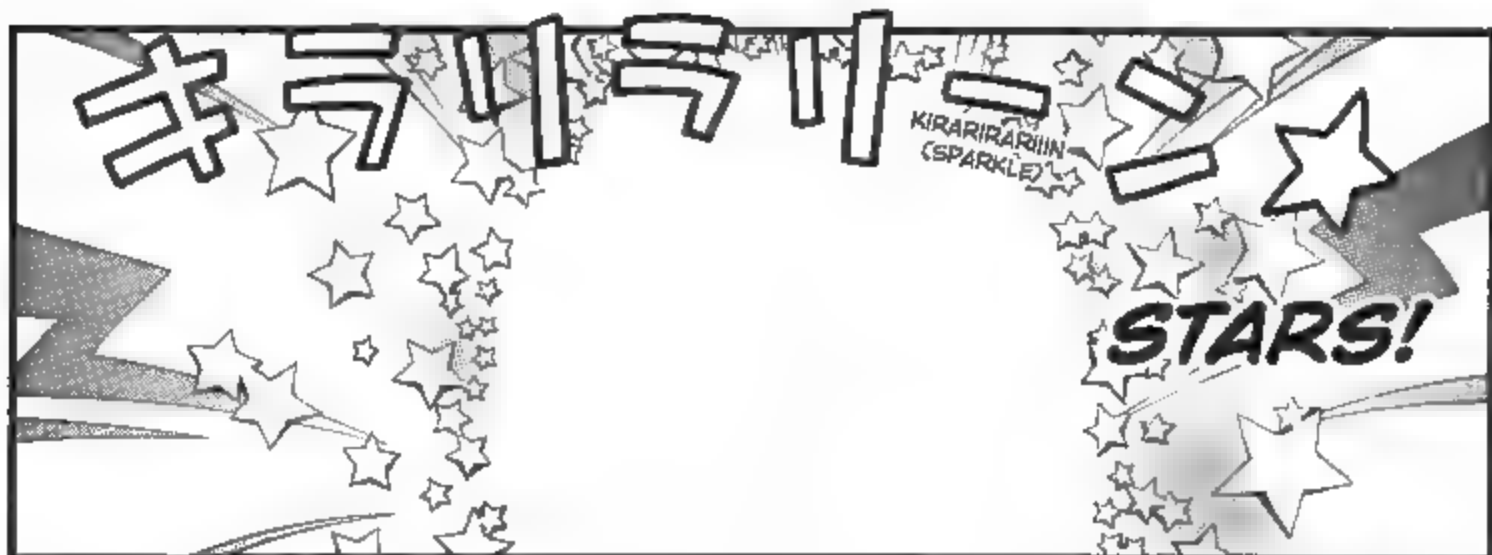
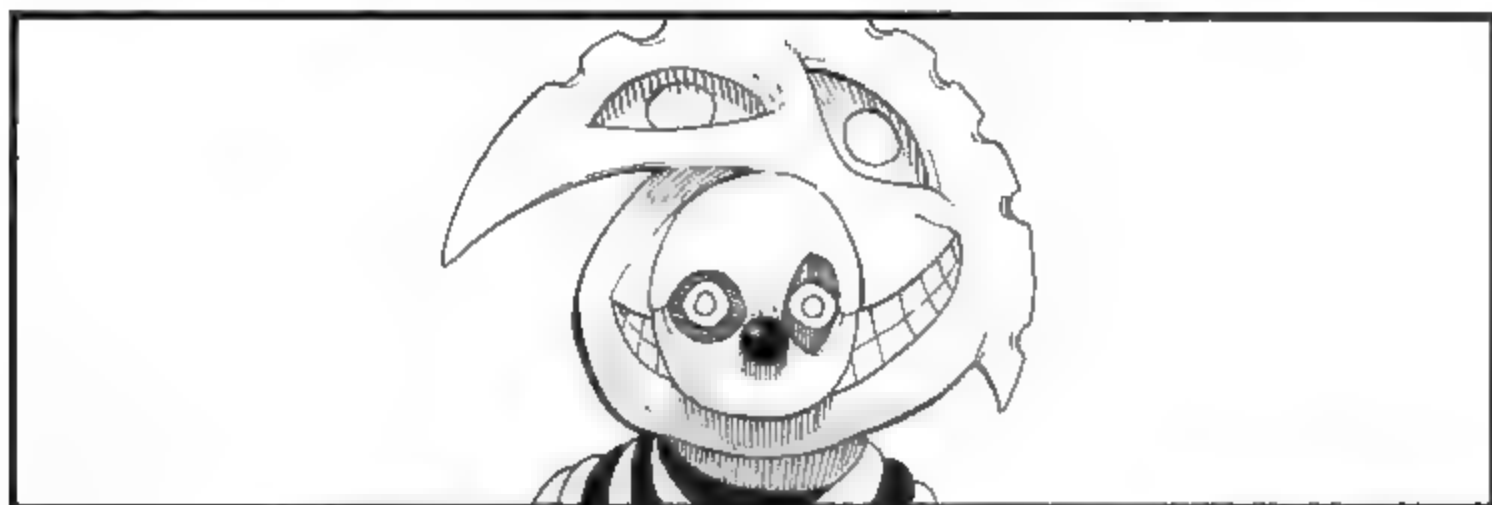
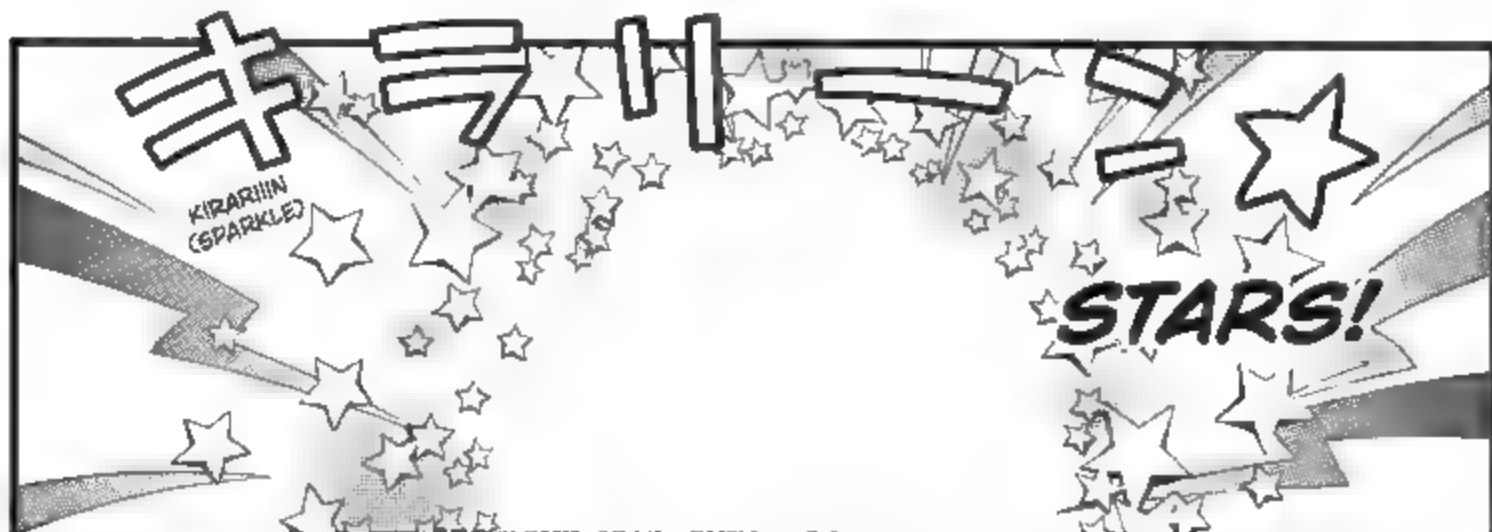
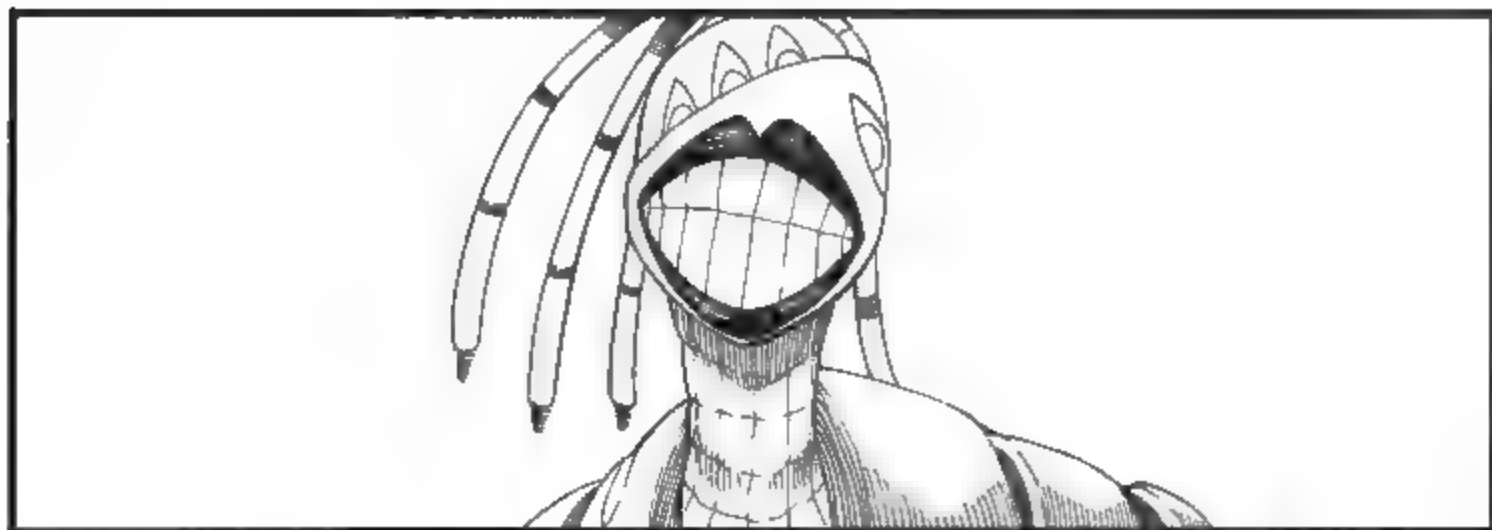
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**WHAT  
COULD  
IT BE?**

**WHAT  
COULD  
I FIND  
INSIDE  
HERE?**







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**CHAPTER 94: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 4)**





HE'S  
RELEASED  
THE CAP ON  
HIS MAD-  
NESS...THIS  
COULD EASILY  
BACKFIRE  
ON US...



USE  
ME!





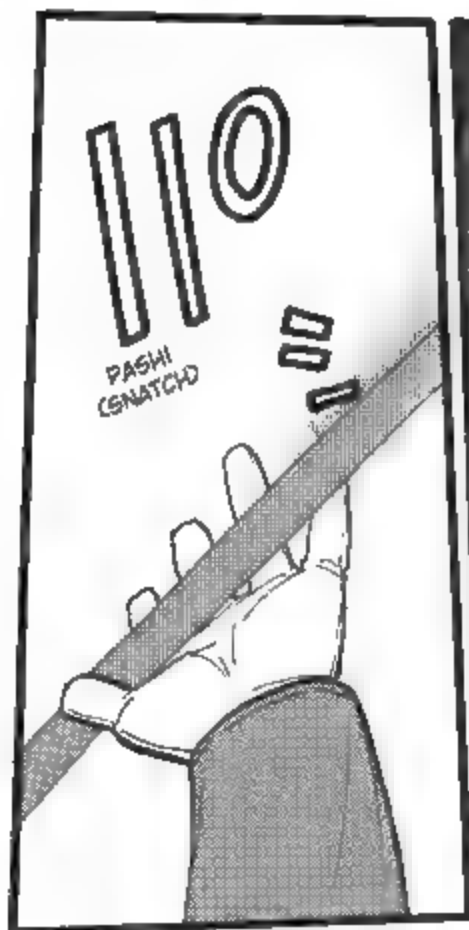
GOBA  
CZWOONO

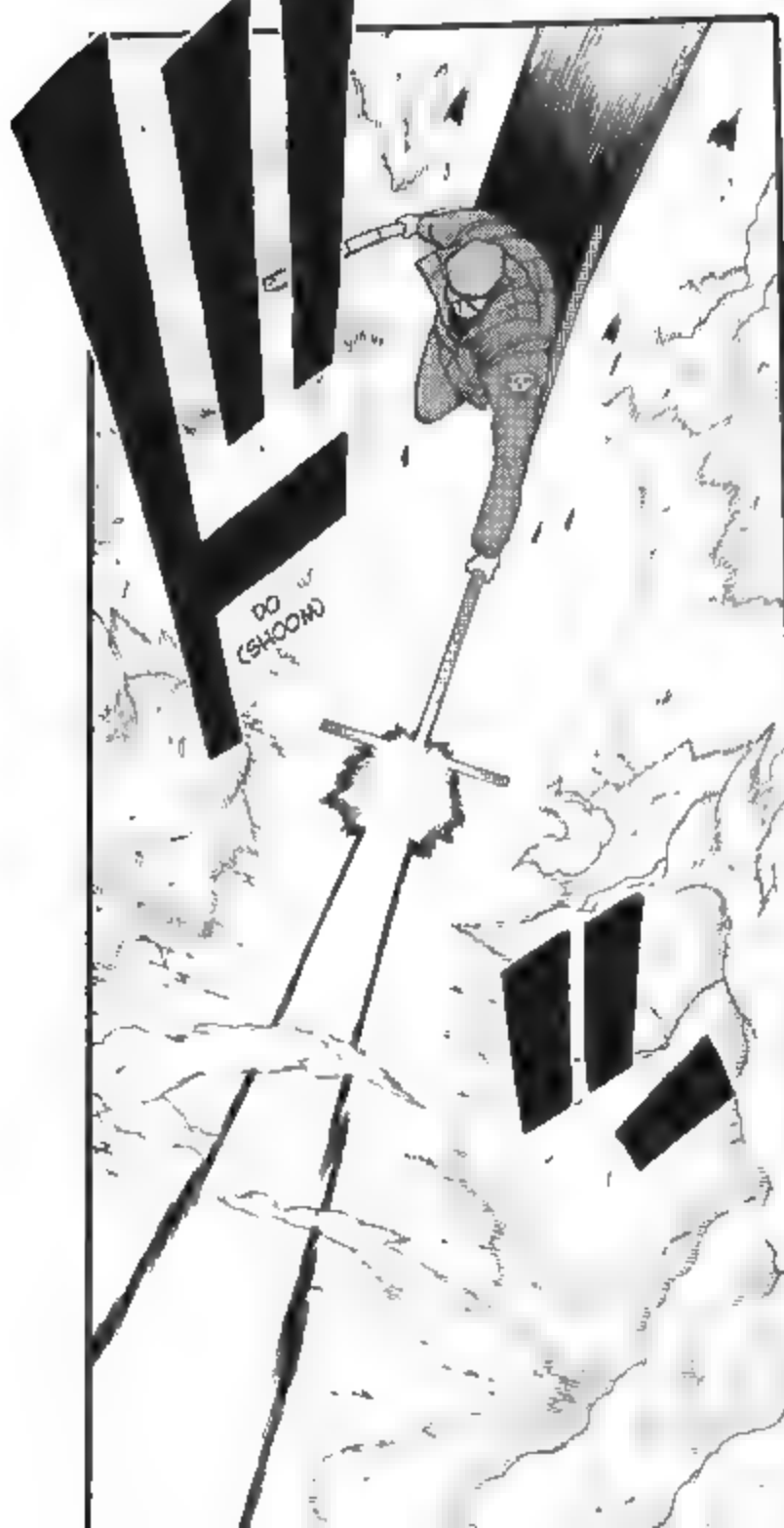
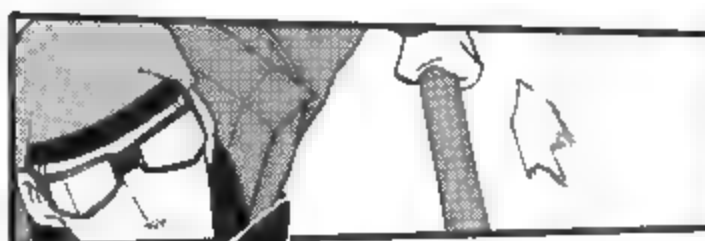
AMAZ-  
ING...

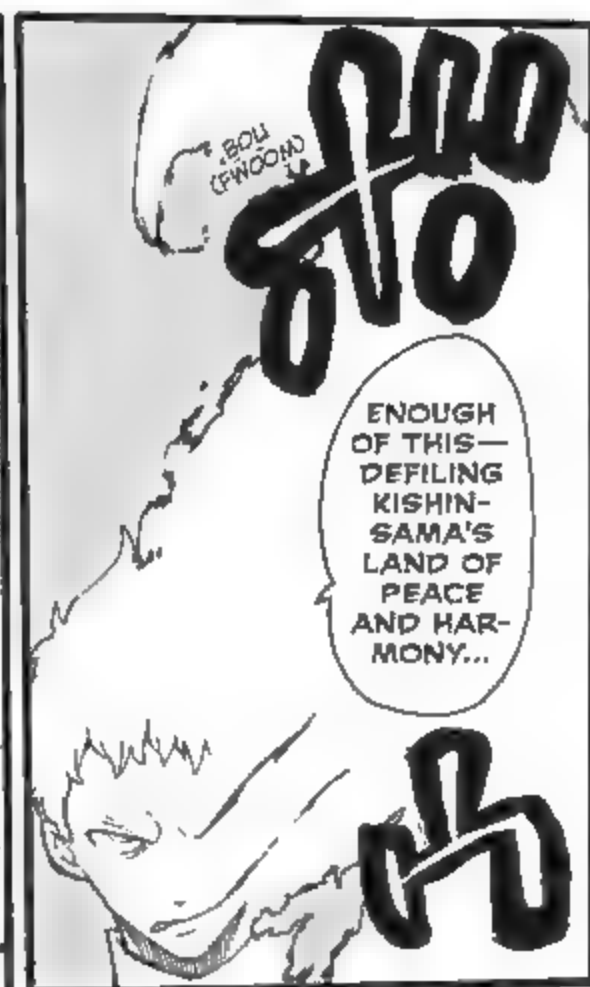
NO  
WONDER  
THE  
WOMEN  
ALL LOVE  
HIM.

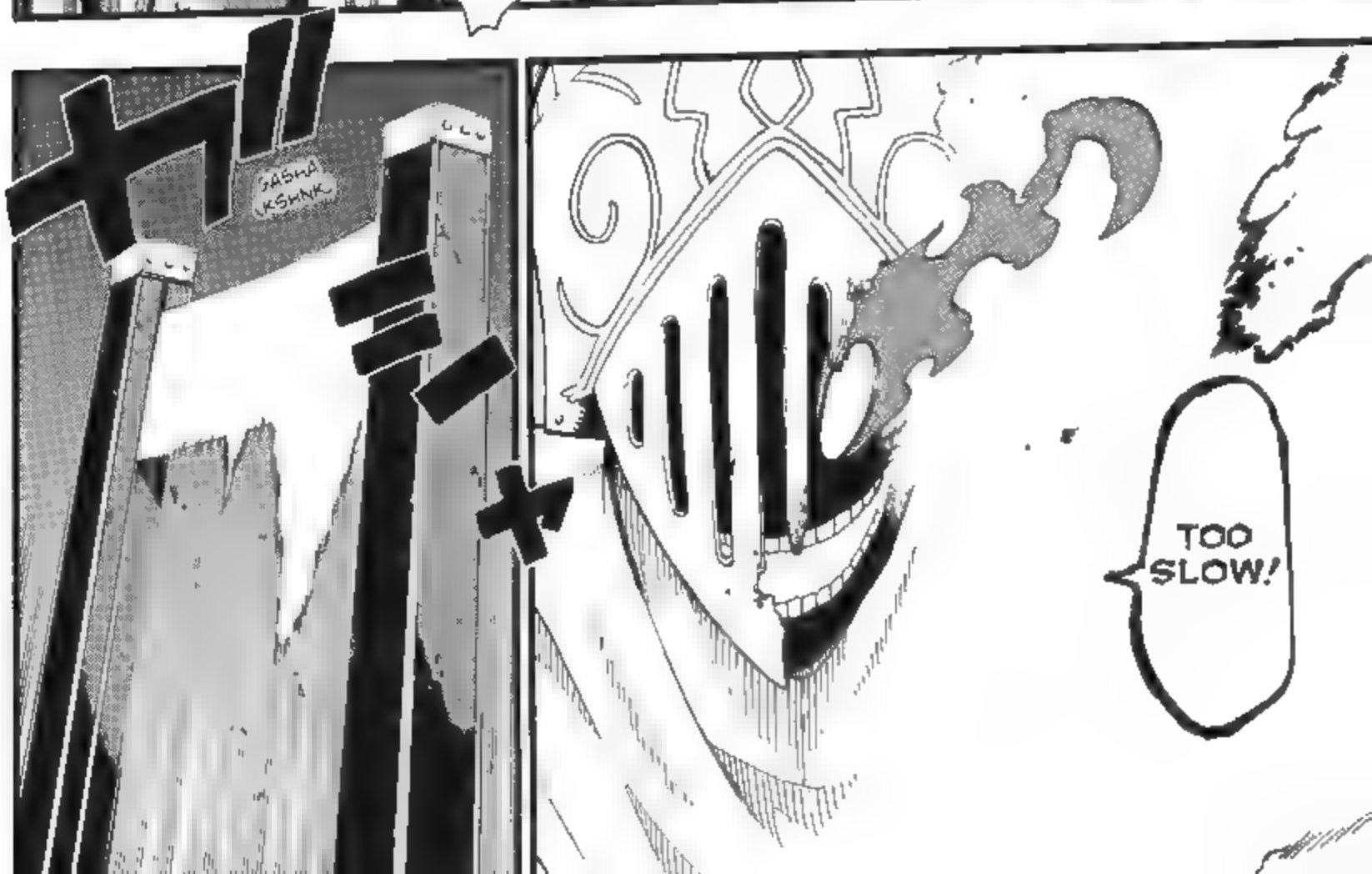
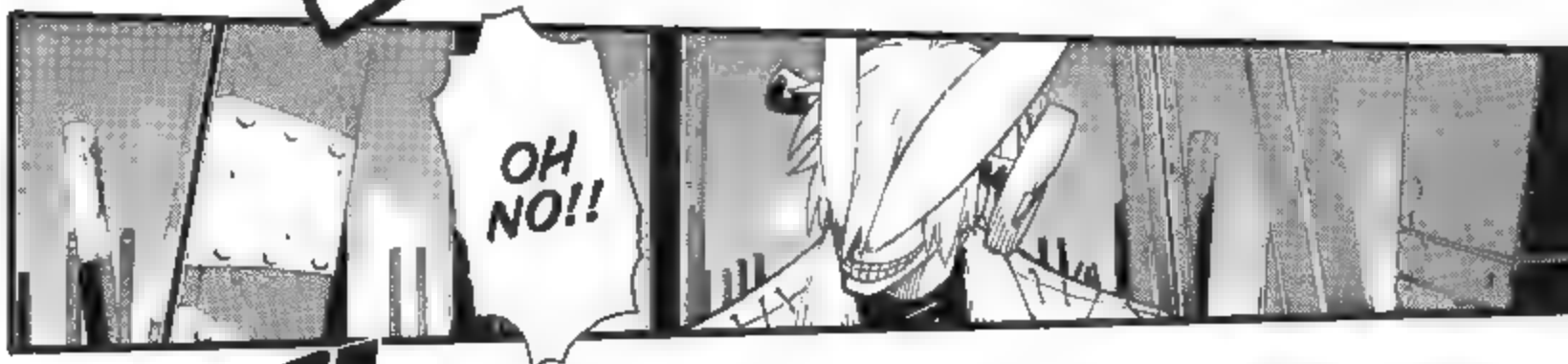
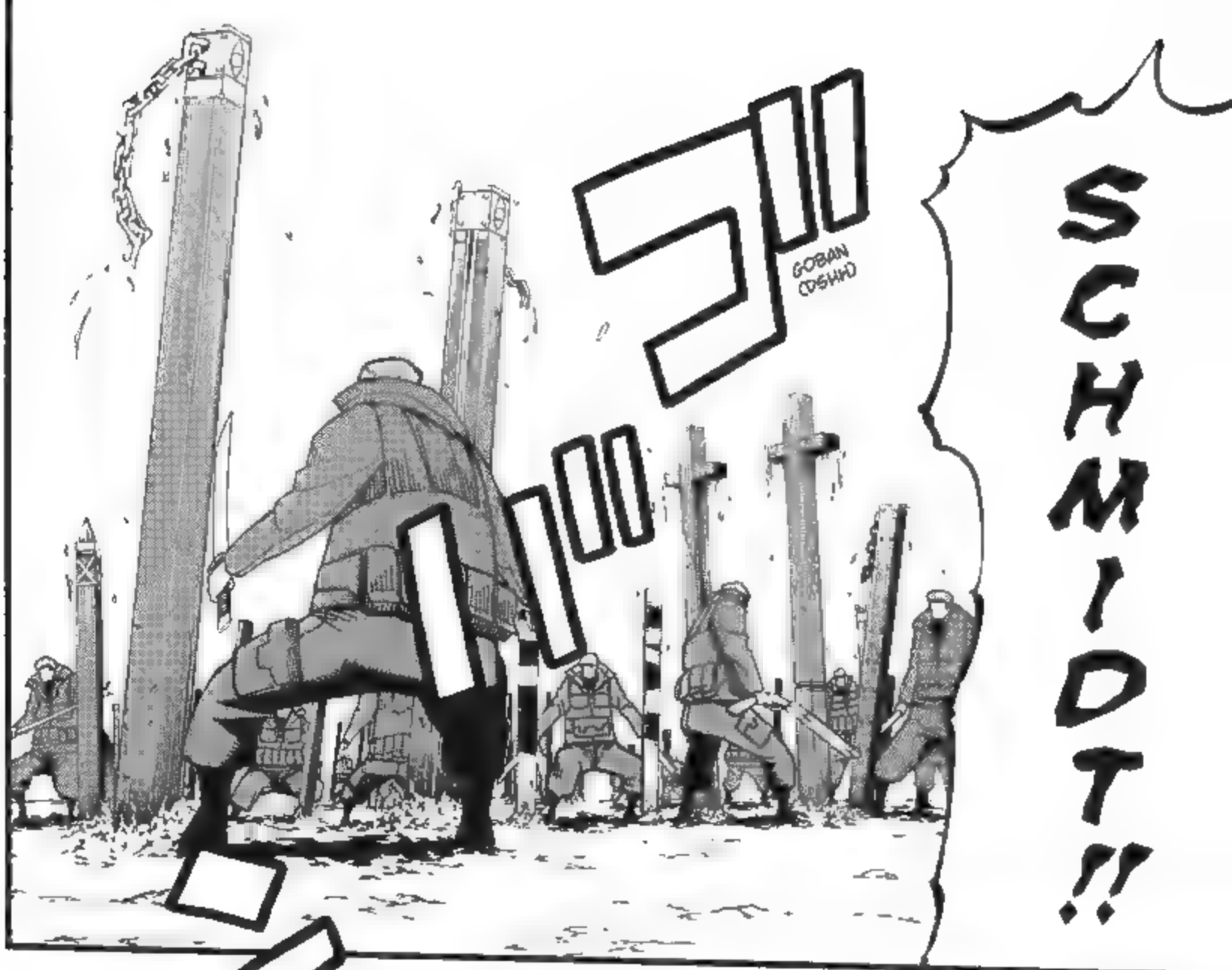
SENPAI IS  
ABLE TO  
SENSE AND  
CONTROL HIS  
MEISTER'S  
WAVELENGTHS  
TO DRAW OUT  
THEIR BEST  
QUALITIES.

EXCEL-  
LENT.  
YOUR  
WAVES  
ARE  
RADIAL,  
I SEE.

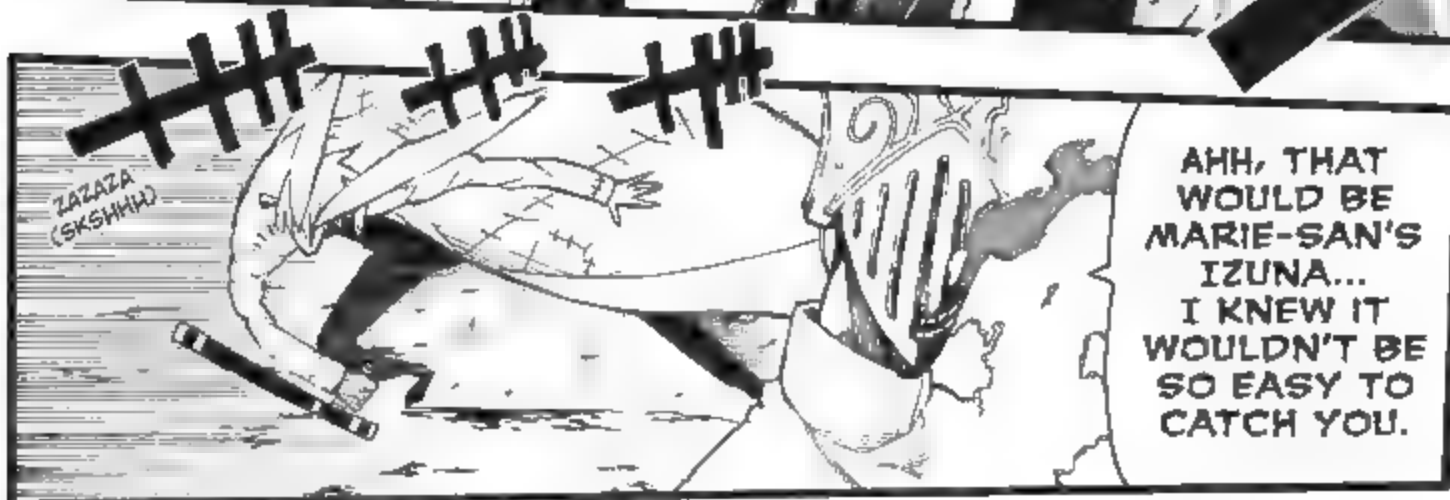












ZAZAZA  
(SKSHHH)

AHH, THAT  
WOULD BE  
MARIE-SAN'S  
IZUNA...  
I KNEW IT  
WOULDN'T BE  
SO EASY TO  
CATCH YOU.



BOKO  
(SKRP)

IZUNA  
PLACES  
GREAT  
STRESS  
UPON THE  
BODY  
OF THE  
MEISTER!  
YOU WILL  
NOT BE  
USING  
IT FOR  
LONG!!



BE CAREFUL,  
STEIN. JUSTIN  
IS A STATION-  
ARY WEAPON...  
WHO KNOWS  
WHAT KINDS  
OF TRAPS HE  
MIGHT HAVE  
SET...

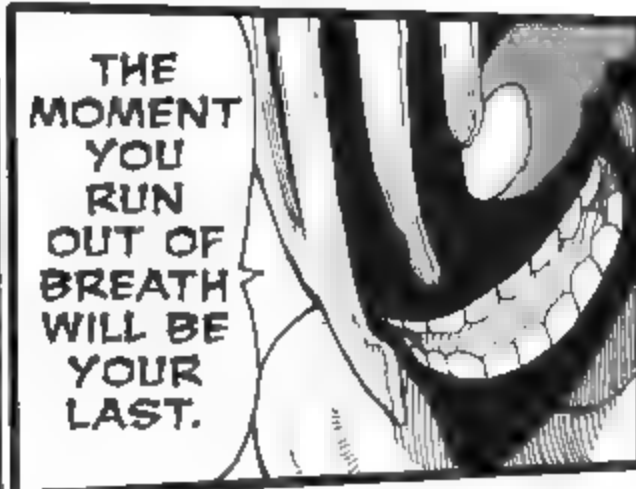


YOU  
CANNOT  
STOP  
ME.



DO YOU  
REALLY  
THINK A  
TRAP OF  
THIS LOW  
CALIBER  
WILL  
BUY YOU  
TIME?

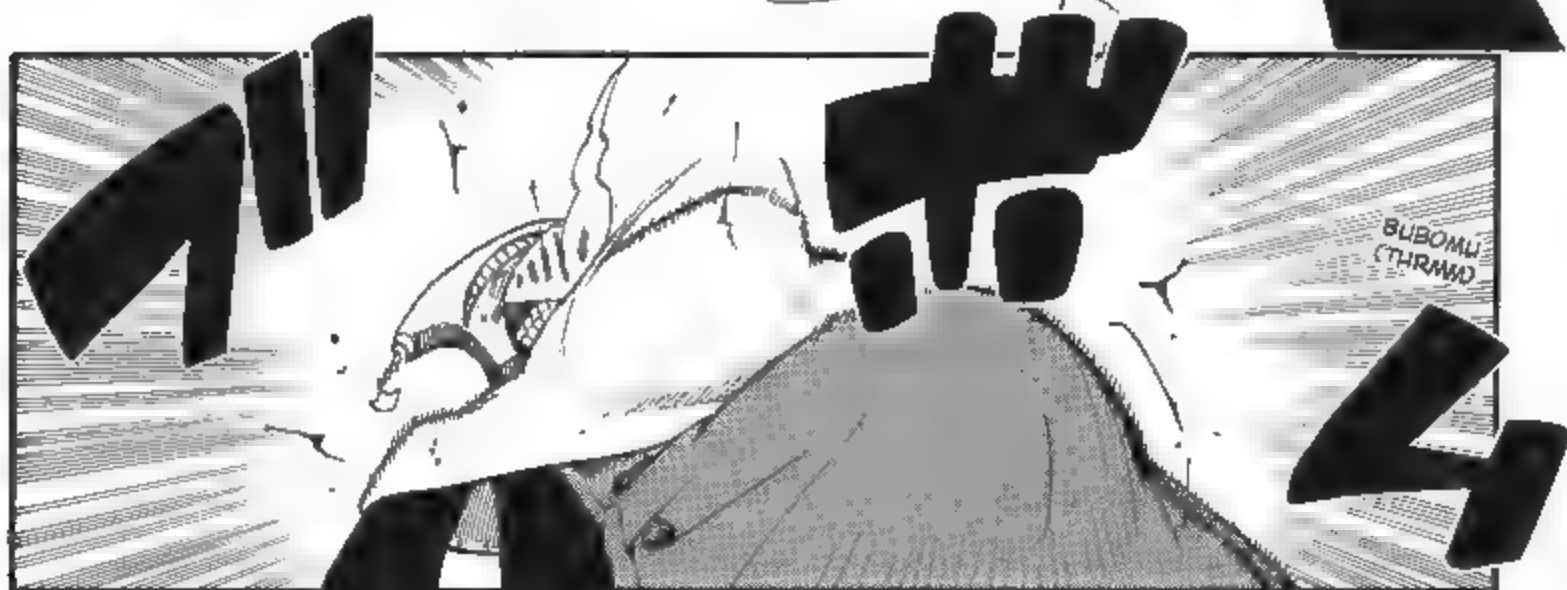
THE  
MOMENT  
YOU  
RUN  
OUT OF  
BREATH  
WILL BE  
YOUR  
LAST.

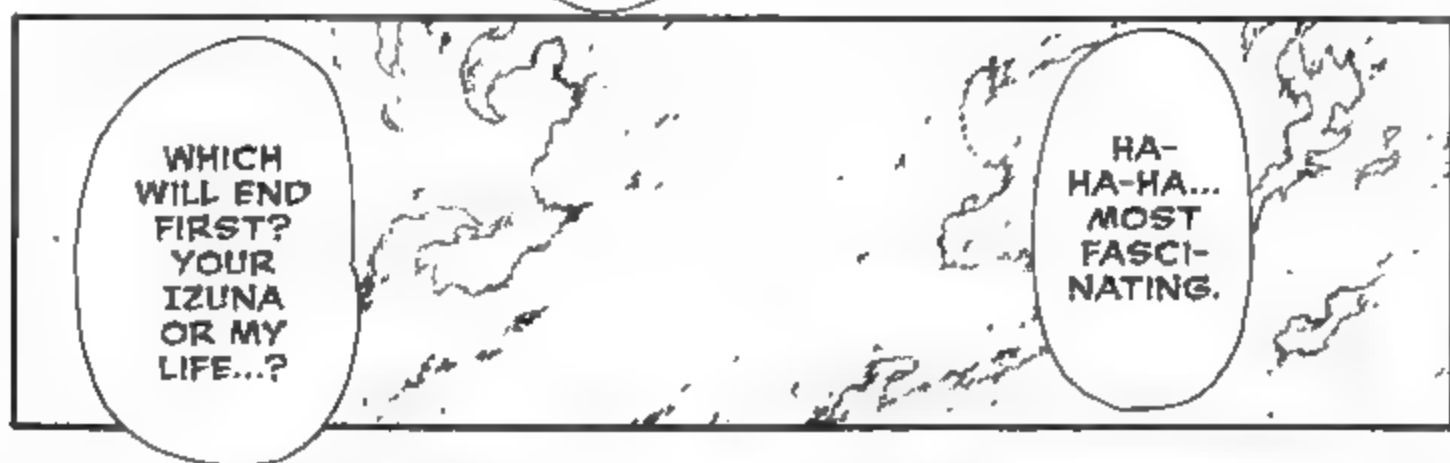


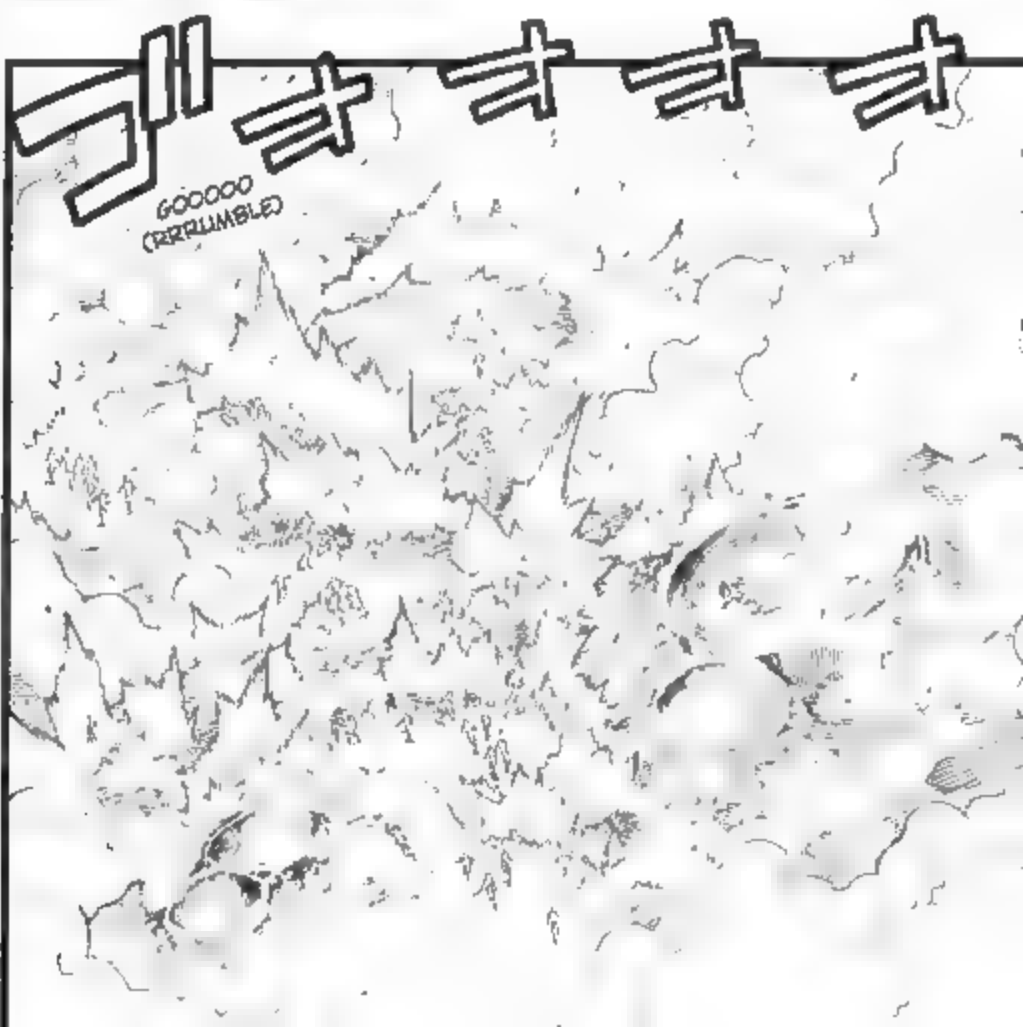


YOU  
COULDN'T  
EVEN  
CATCH THE  
TAIL OF  
MY LAB  
COAT.

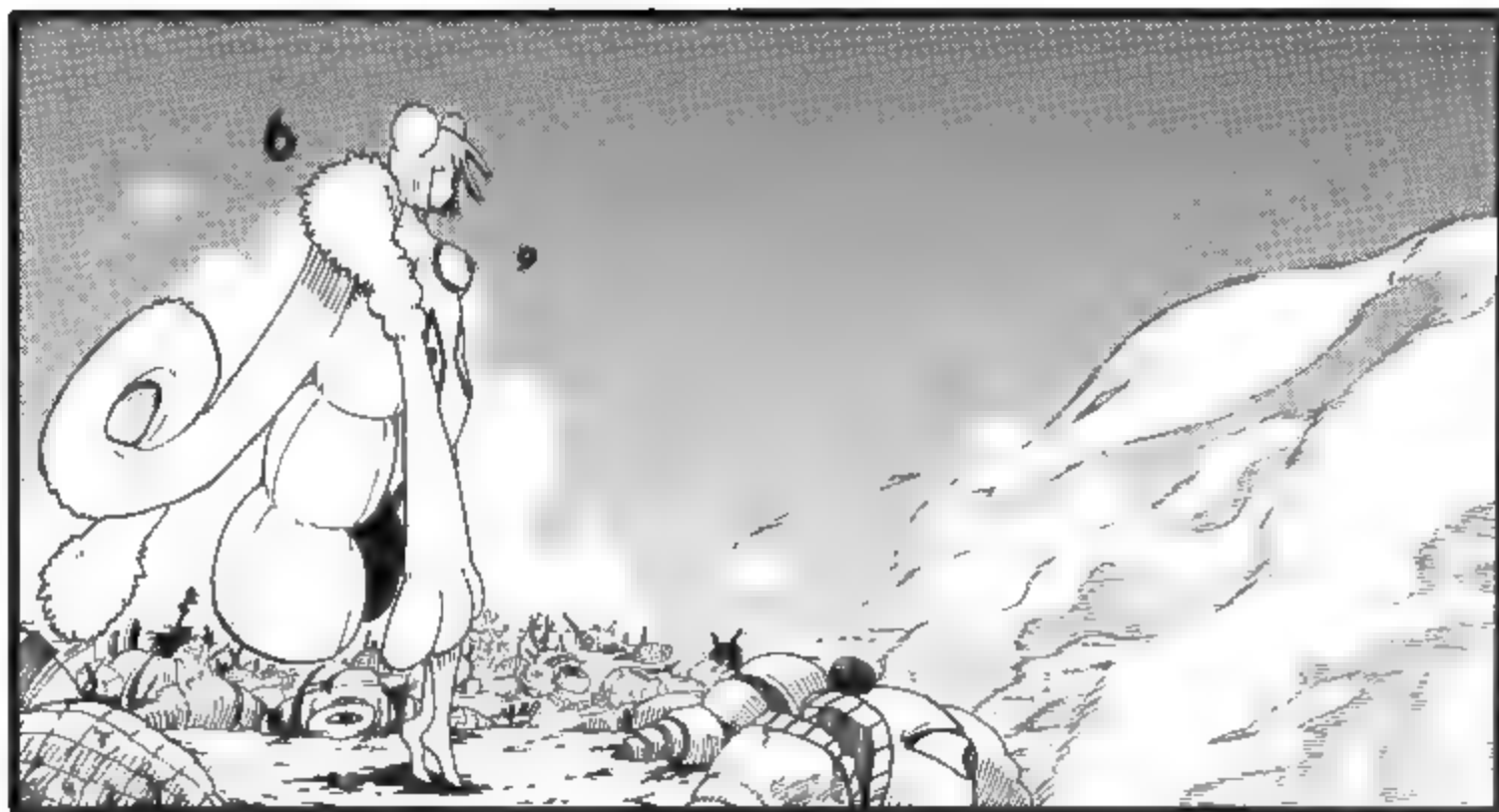










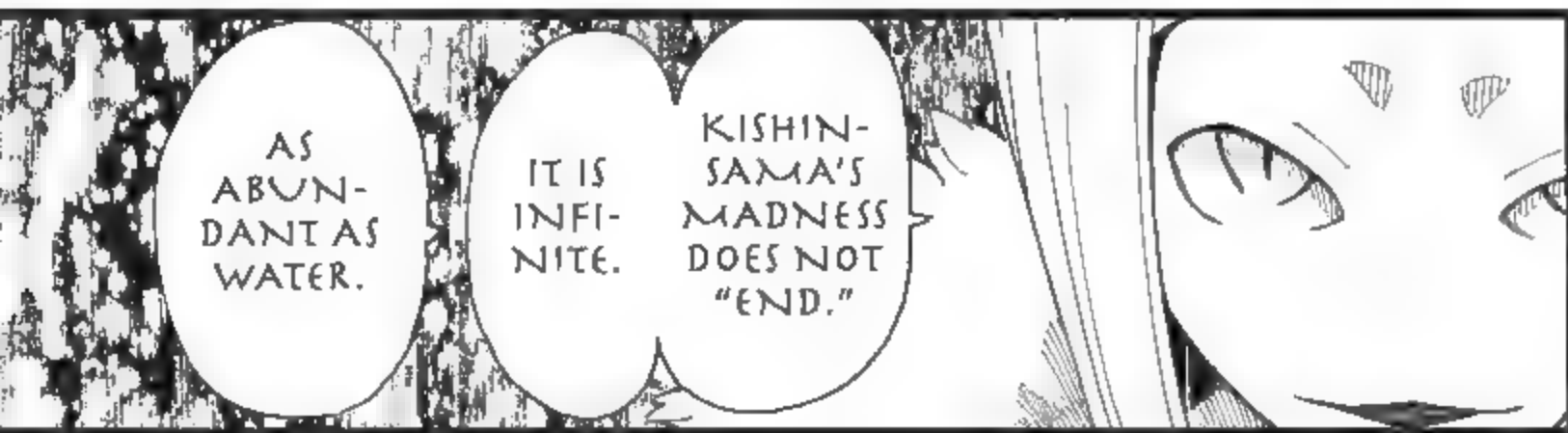


WE'VE  
CLEANED UP  
NEARLY ALL  
OF THE  
KISHIN'S  
SOLDIERS.  
YOU'RE THE  
ONLY ONE  
LEFT.



DID YOU  
THINK THOSE  
WERE THE  
ONLY FORCES  
PROTECTING  
BOTH KISHIN-SA-  
MA AND MY  
CHASTITY?











WE'RE  
NOT  
YOURS.

HEE  
HEE  
HYA  
HYA  
HYA  
HYA!

DO YOU  
SEE MY  
PERSONAL  
GUARD?  
THEY ARE  
ENDLESS IN  
NUMBER!



...BUT  
I NO  
LONGER  
NEED  
TO.

VERY  
WELL...  
I LET YOU  
LIVE SO I  
COULD  
FORCE THE  
KISHIN'S  
LOCATION  
OUT OF  
YOU...

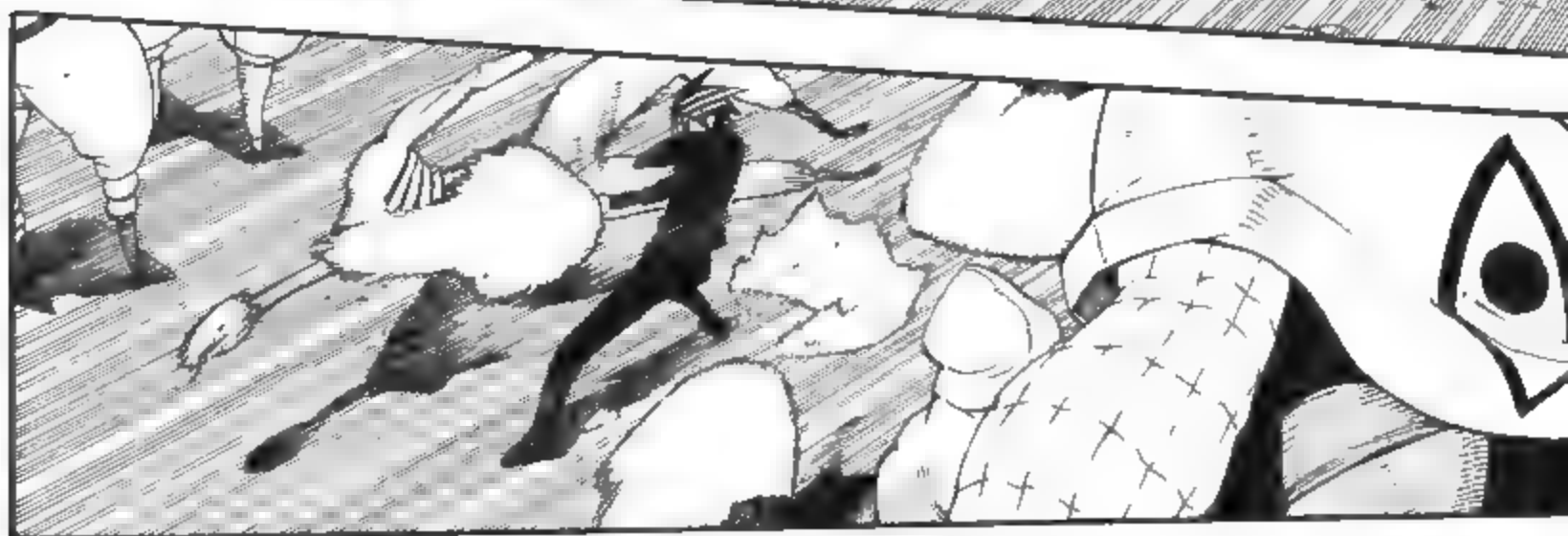


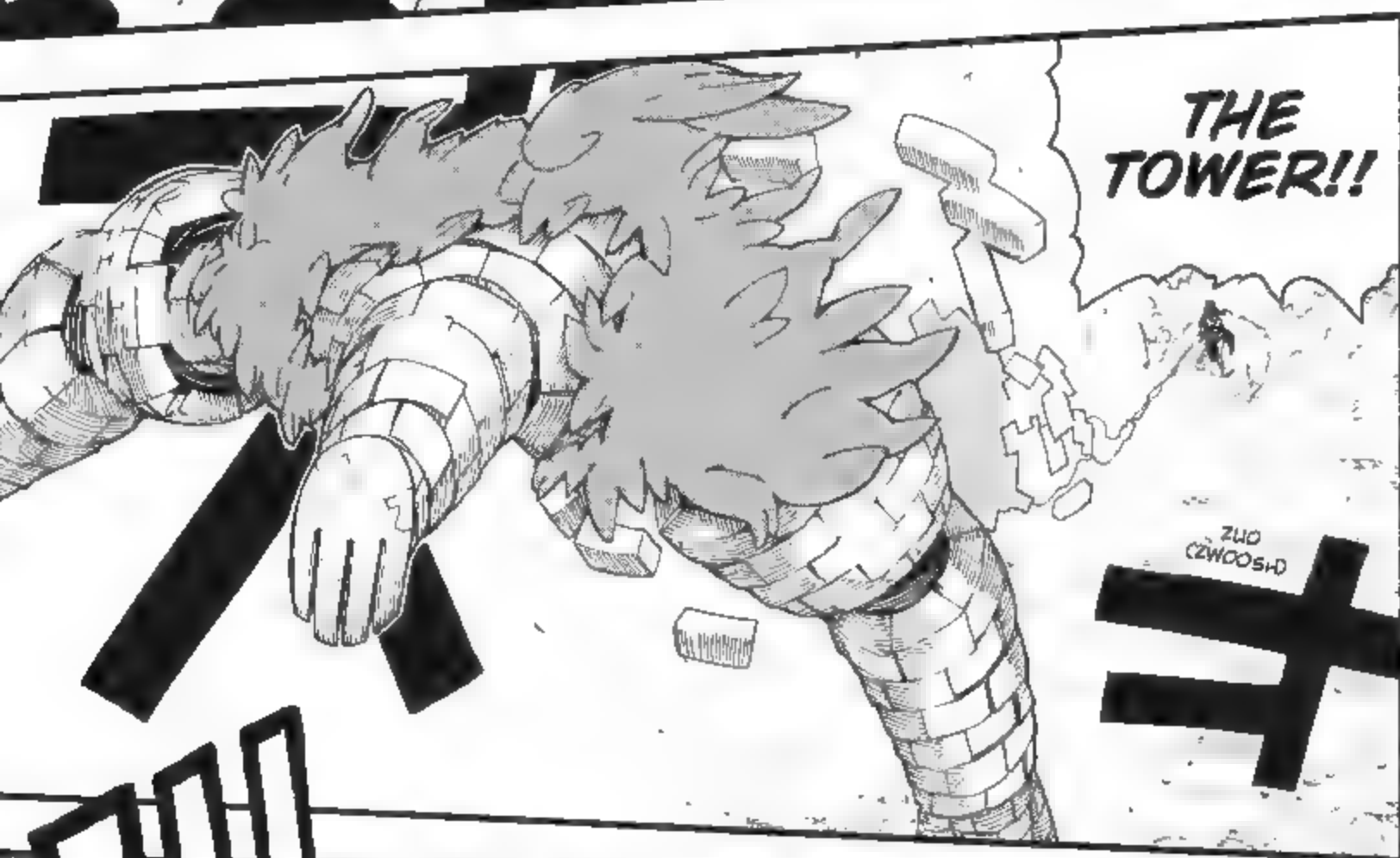
**MAD-  
NESS  
TAKES  
HOLD!!**

ZON  
(SHIVER)

ALUNTIE  
TAUGHT  
ME THE  
WAY.

HERE  
GOES  
FULL  
POWER.

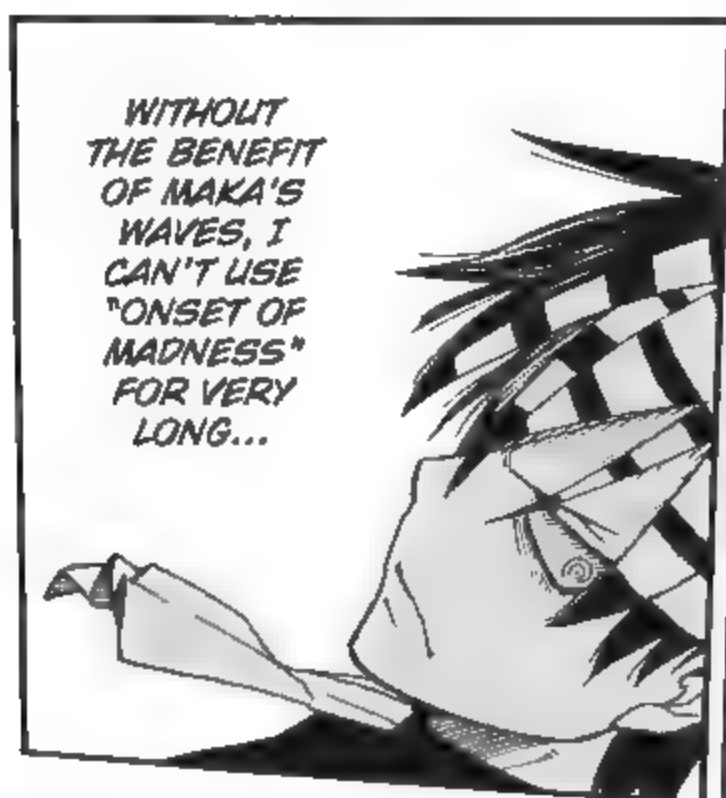






BIND IVY!



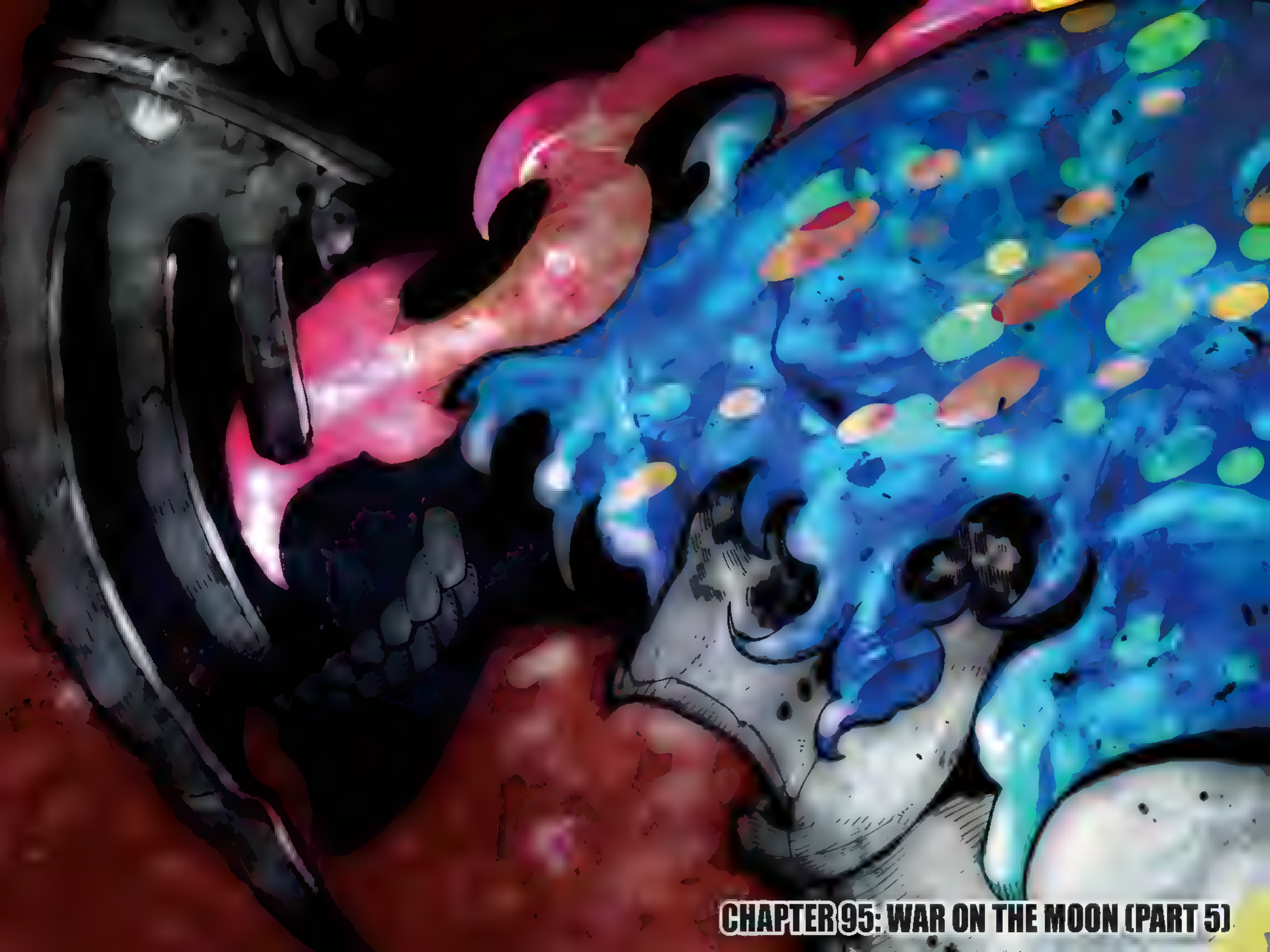




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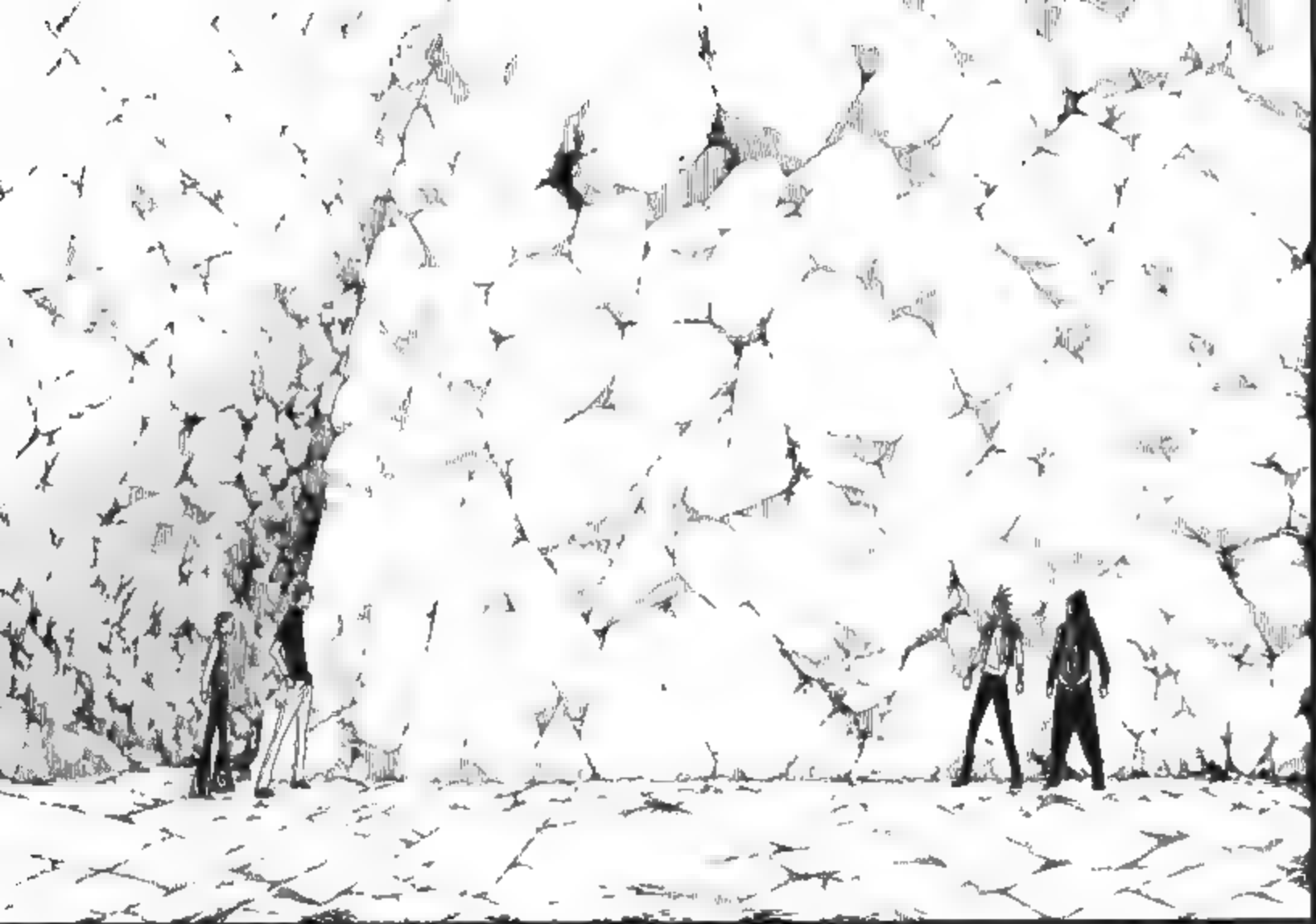


I AM THE  
TRUE  
EVANGELIST  
OF  
MADNESS.



**CHAPTER 95: WAR ON THE MOON (PART 5)**

**SOUL  EATER**



**YOU GONNA  
STAND IN OUR  
WAY!? WELL, YOU  
BETTER BELIEVE  
YOU'RE GONNA  
PAY THE FUCKIN'  
PRICE!!**



**MR  
P  
H!**







NOW  
AIN'T THE  
TIME TO  
BE DEALIN'  
WITH  
THOSE  
DWMA  
SAPS.

YES,  
SIR.

C'MON,  
GOPHER.

!



WEAPON  
FORM,  
CLAY.

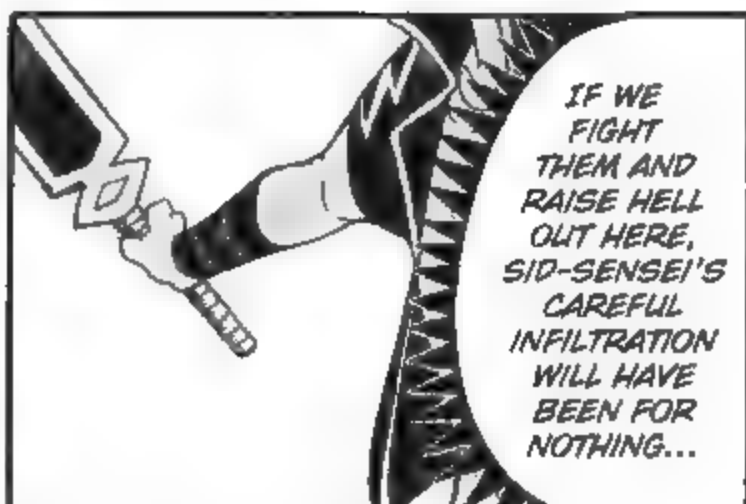
RIGHT.



BUT...  
WE ALSO  
CAN'T  
LET THEM  
PASS BY...

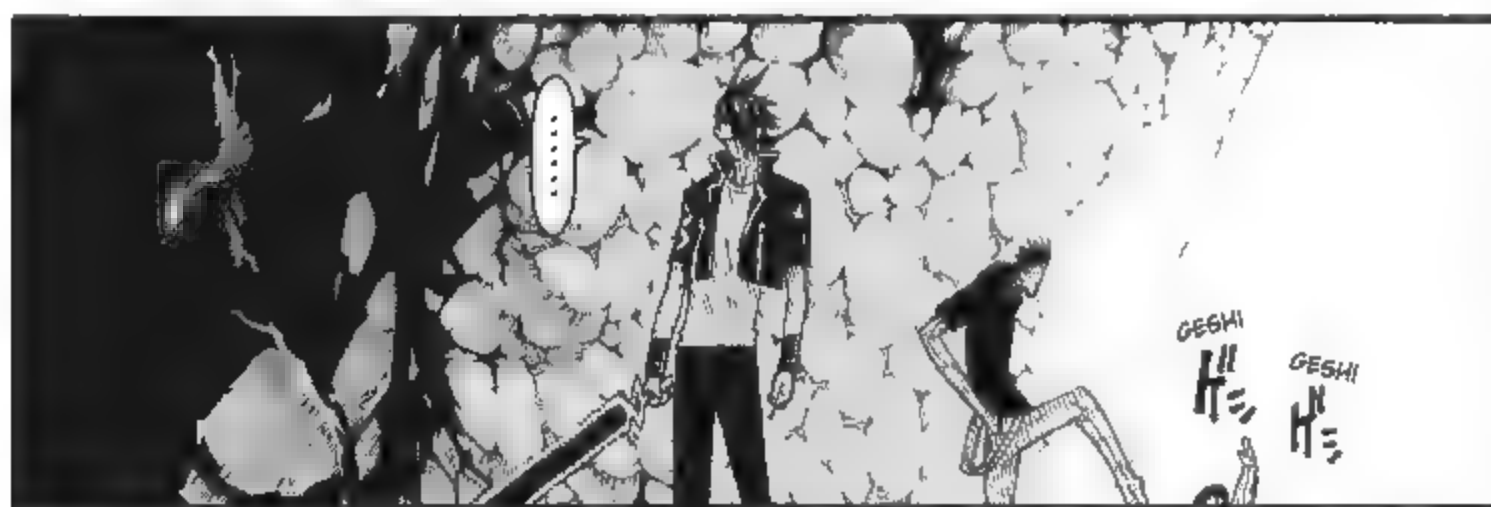


WAIT!!



IF WE  
FIGHT  
THEM AND  
RAISE HELL  
OUT HERE,  
SID-SENSEI'S  
CAREFUL  
INFILTRATION  
WILL HAVE  
BEEN FOR  
NOTHING...







Soul waves that threaten to drive a man insane...

I can feel the Kishin's madness.

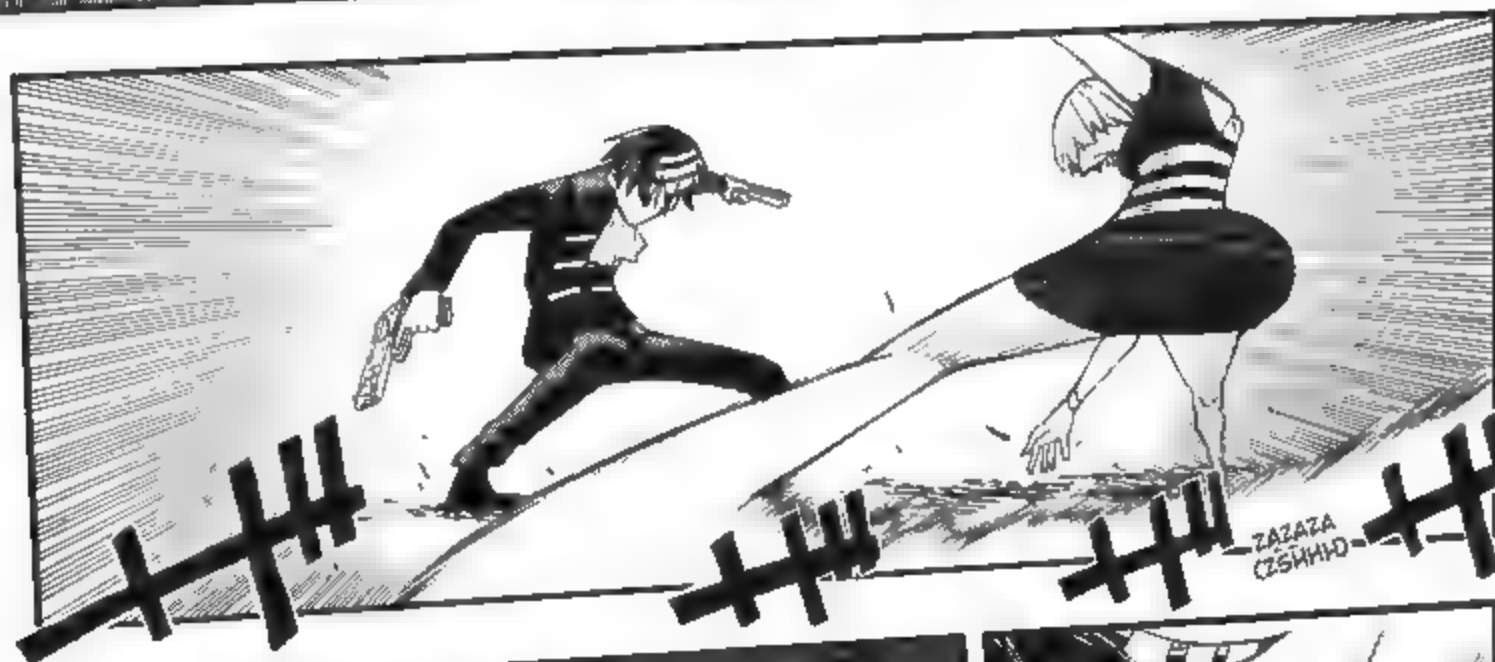
It's almost beyond comprehension...





AND IT  
NEVER,  
EVER  
ENDS...

CAN  
THERE EVER  
BE RESPITE  
FROM SUCH  
MADNESS!?



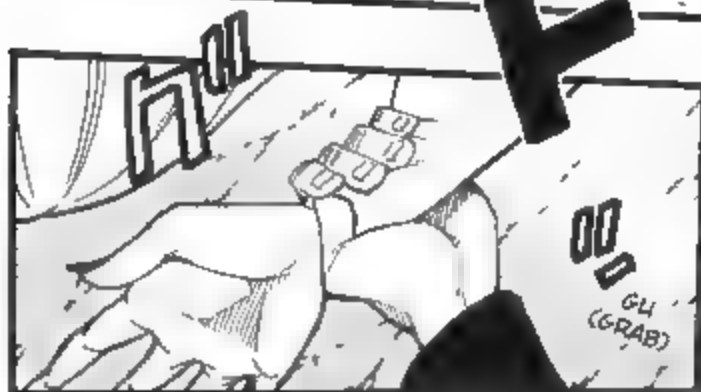
ZAZAZA  
(ZSHHH)

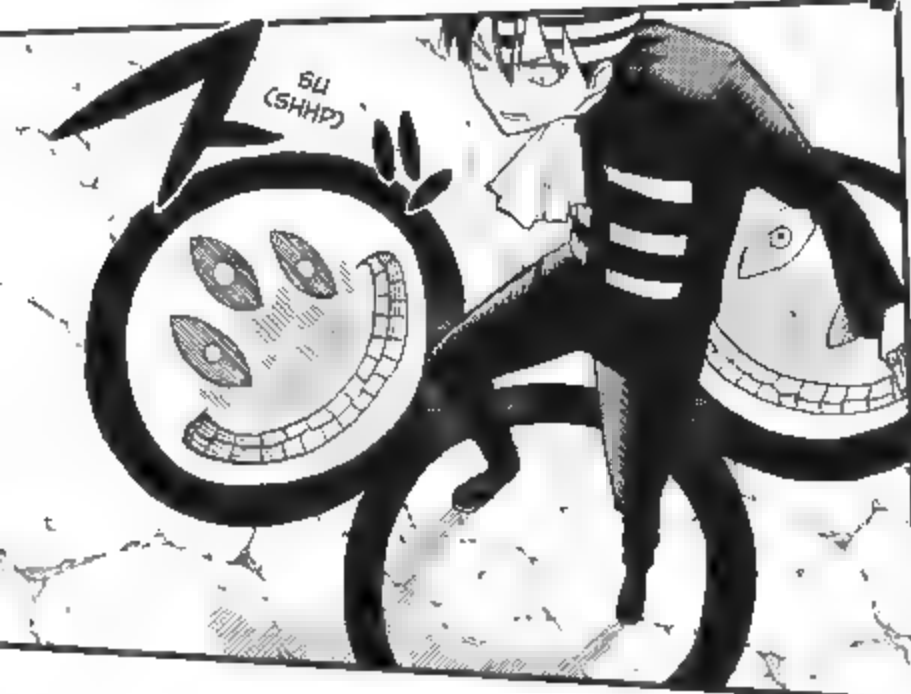


FU  
(SWISH)

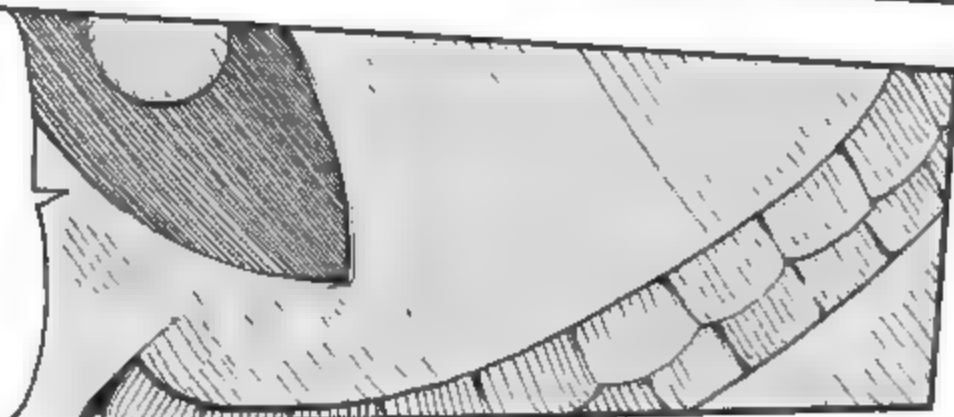
ARGH!  
IT'S LIKE  
AN UNENDING  
CLOWN CAR  
ROUTINE  
WITH YOU  
PEOPLE!!



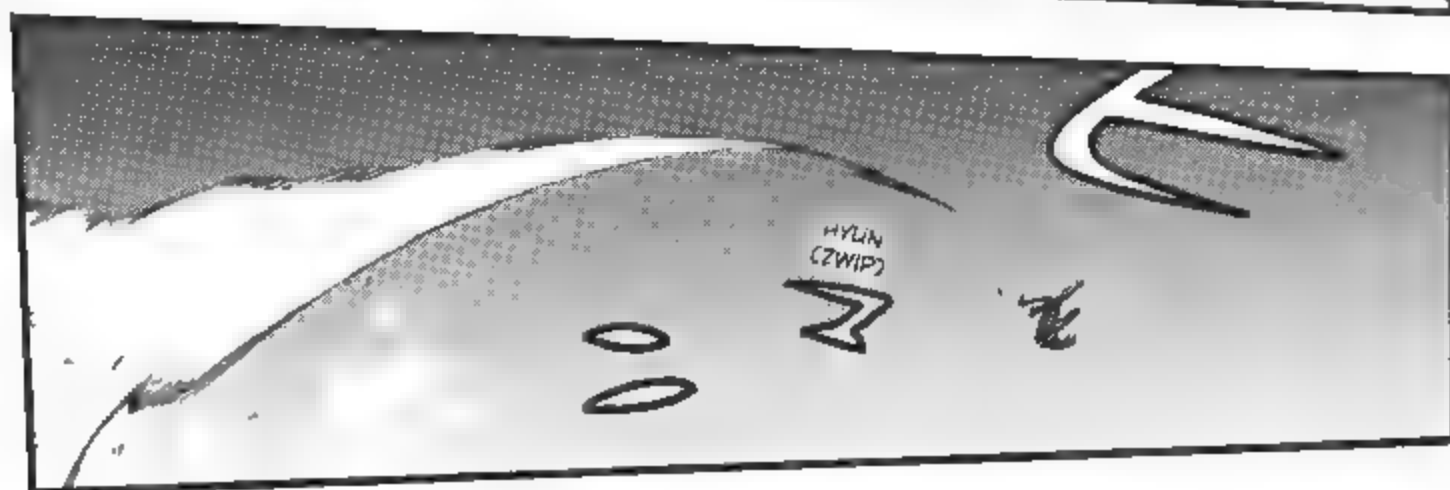
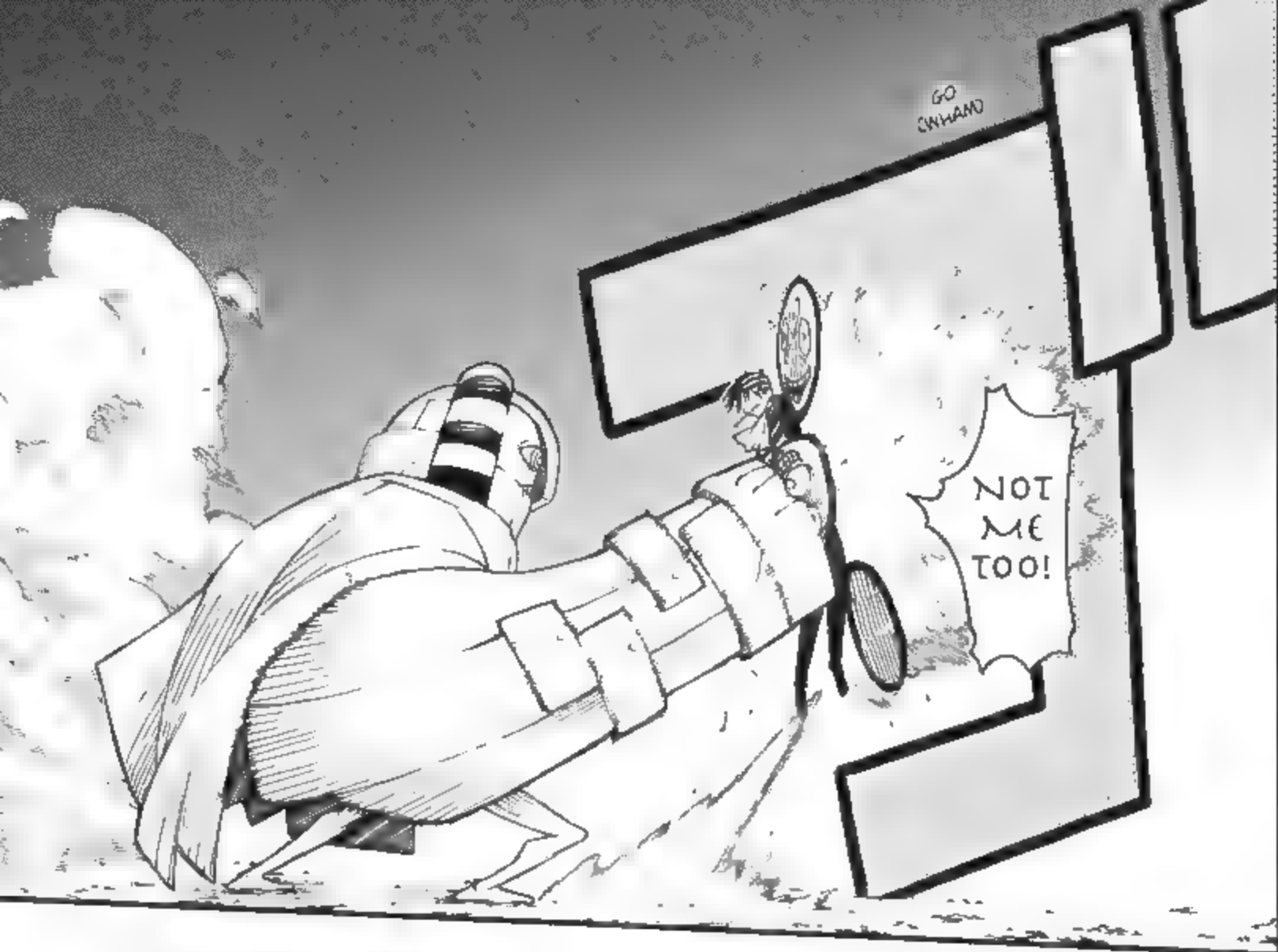




LOSING  
ONE OF  
THEM IS  
HARDLY  
AN ISSUE.

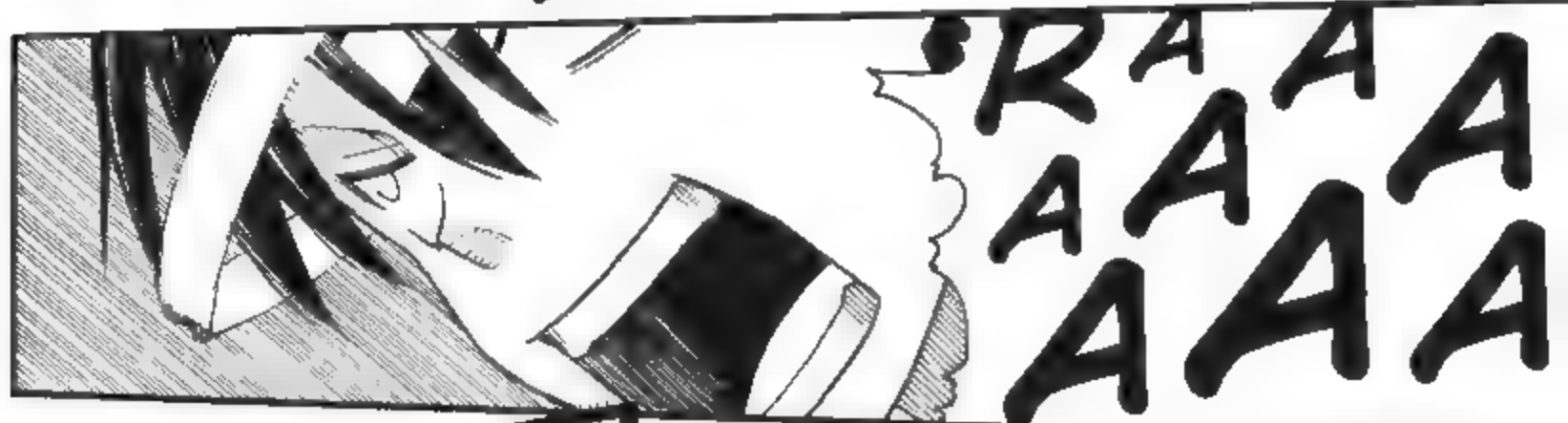














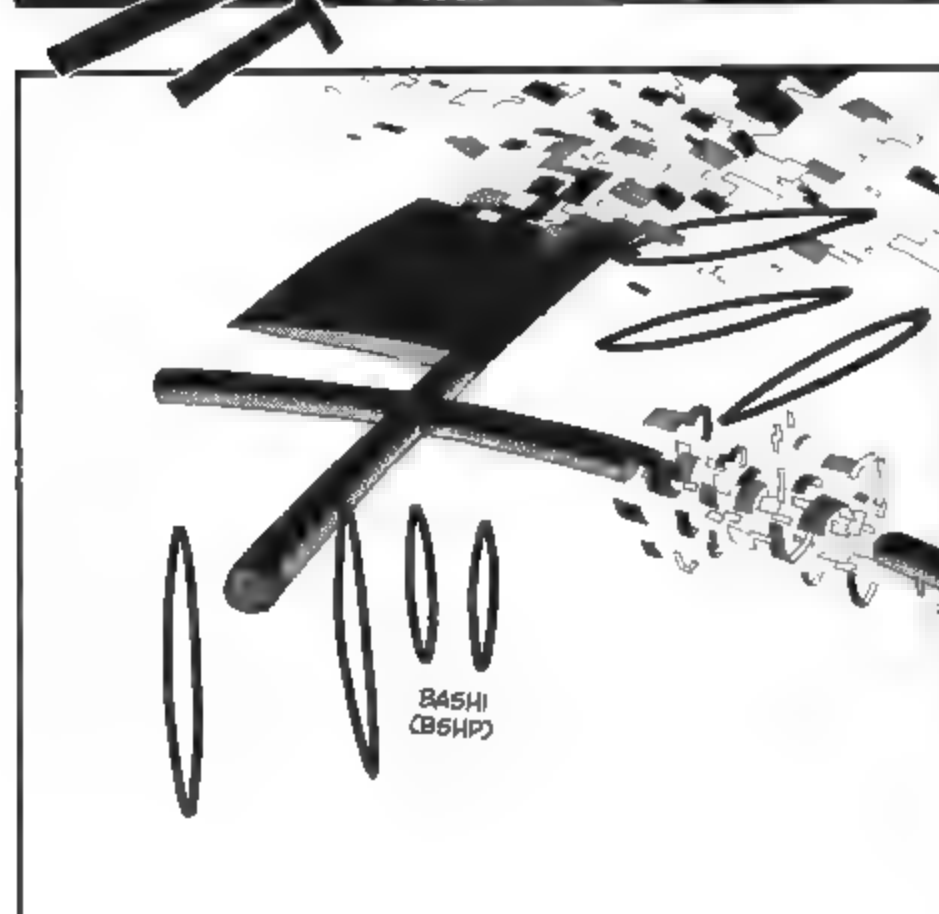
DO  
CBWONO



PARA

PARA

PARA  
CERMBL



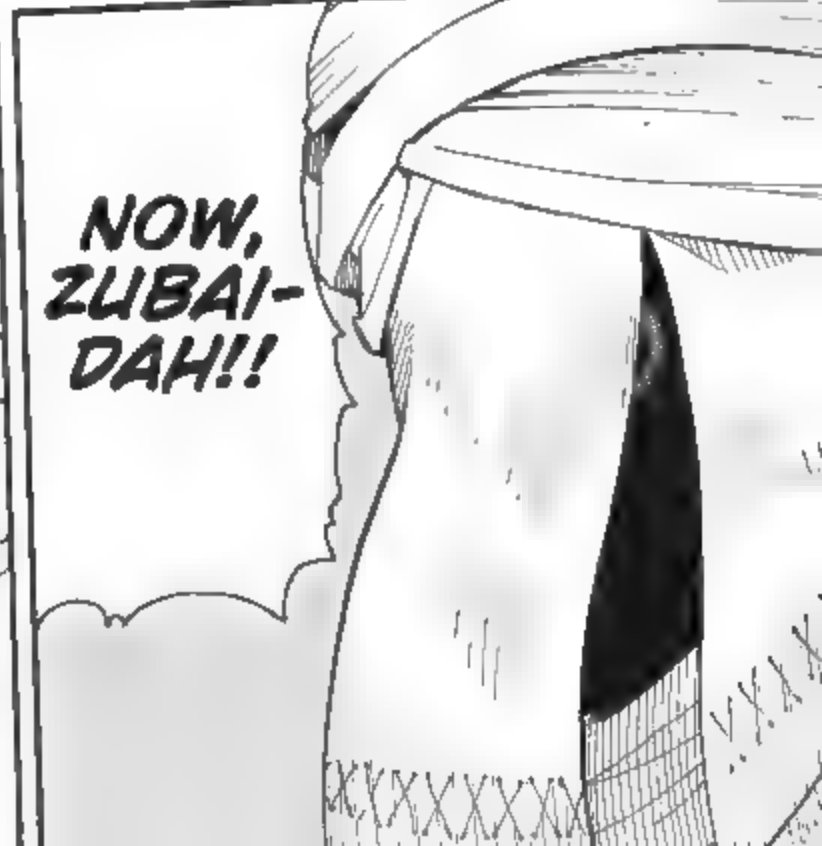
THIS WAR  
HINGES ON KID  
AWAKENING TO  
HIS POWERS. WE  
CAN'T BEAT THE  
KISHIN UNLESS  
ALL THREE OF HIS  
LINES OF SANZU  
CONNECT FULLY  
AND HE BECOMES  
A TRUE  
SHINIGAMI...



RAI  
NB  
OW  
WW  
WW  
!!



BABABA  
(LOOM)

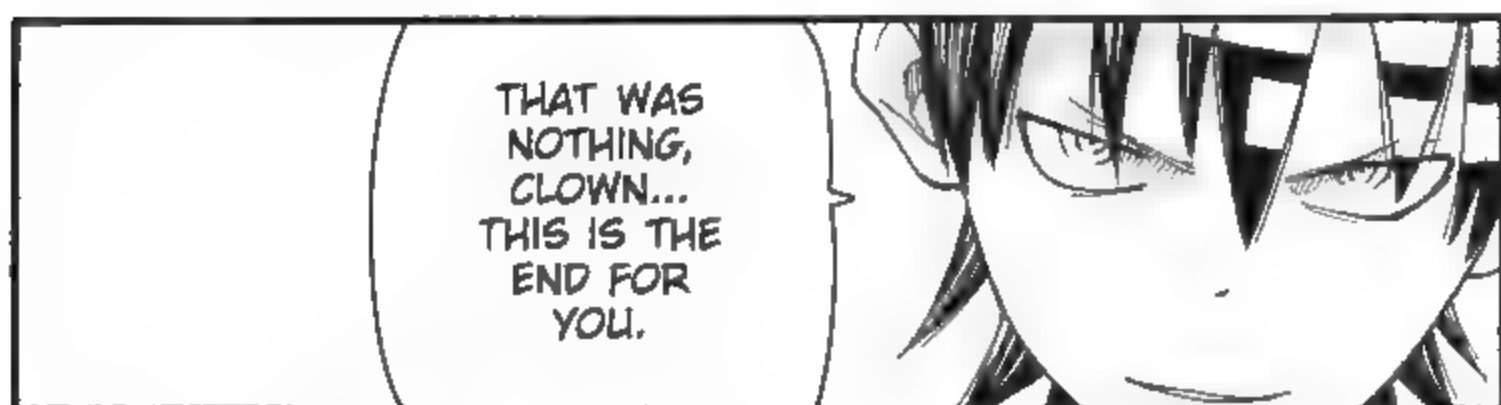


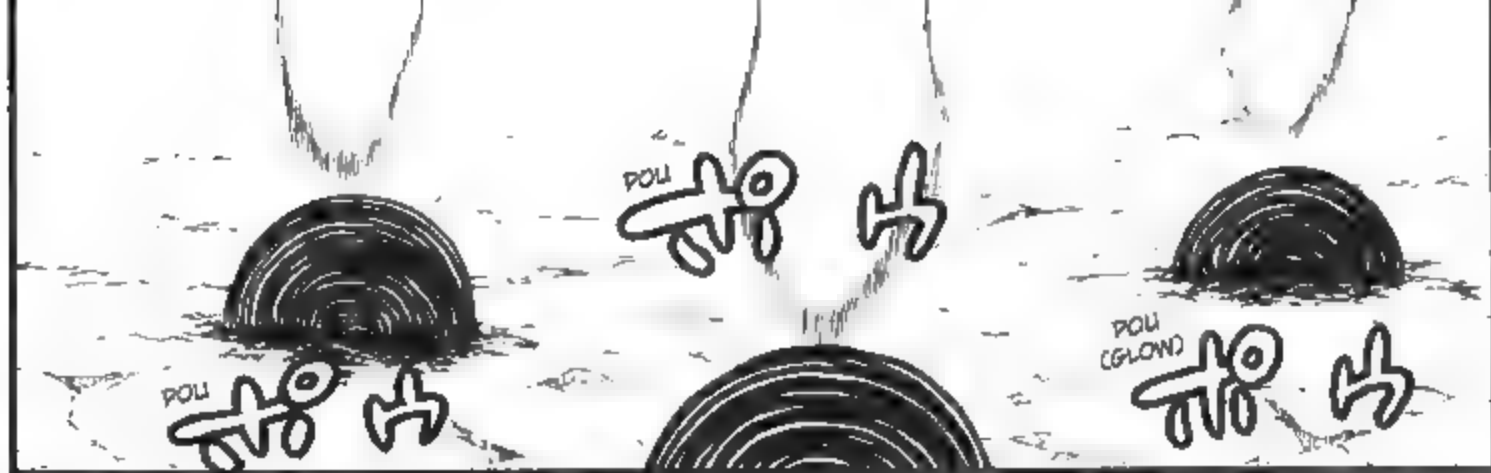
**THE  
LOVERS!!**

KOOO  
OWHOOSH

PO  
(BLUSH)

RABU  
CLOVE-OOSH









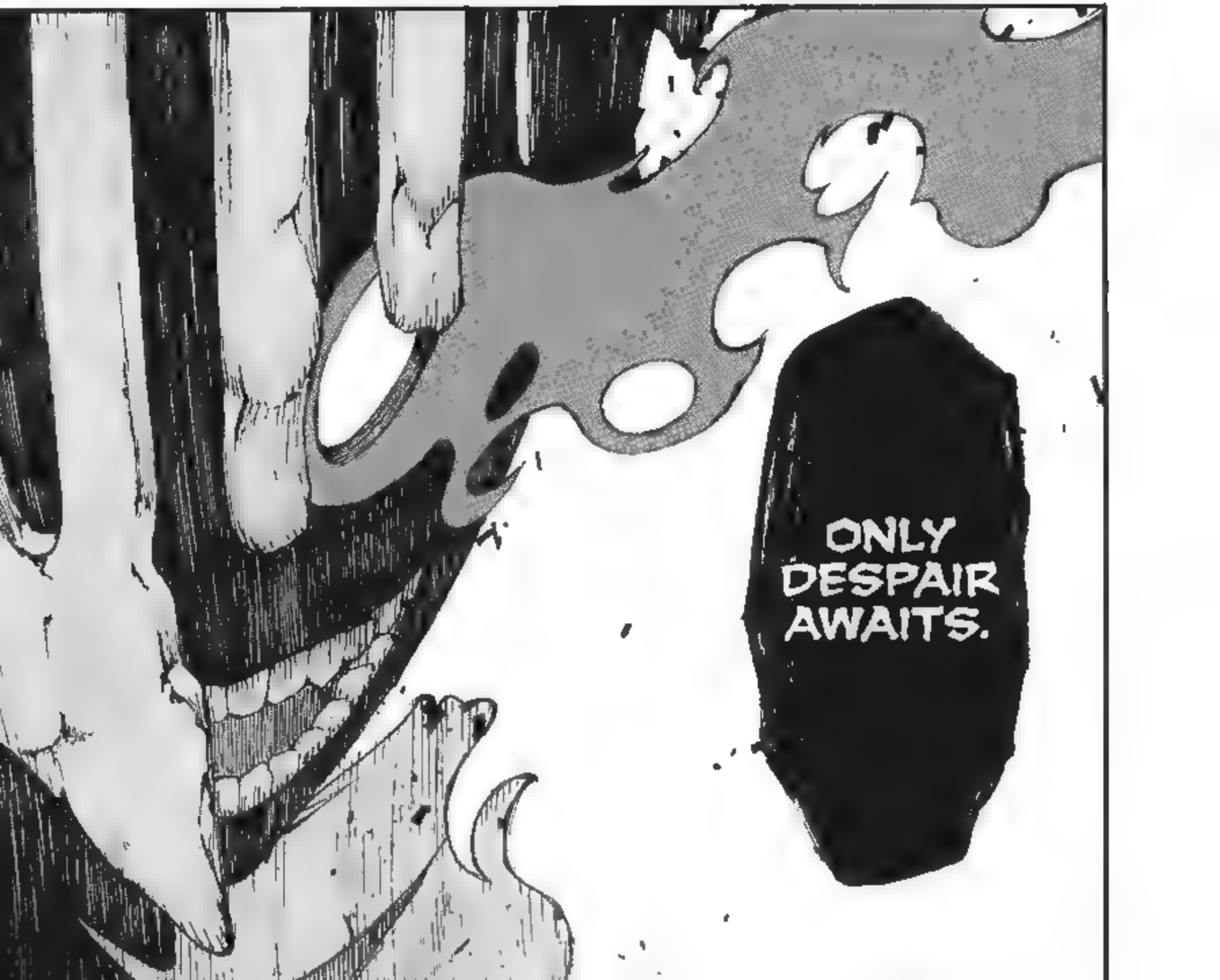
**I'LL  
TEAR  
THEM  
ALL TO  
PIECES  
!!**

**HA-HA-  
HA!! AN  
INFINITE  
SUPPLY  
OF WORTH-  
LESS TOY  
SOLDIERS!**

**IT'S  
PER-  
FECT!!**

**YOUR  
BRAVERY  
IS  
SAPPED,  
BIT BY  
BIT.**

**YOU  
STRUGGLE  
AND  
STRUGGLE,  
BUT STILL  
THE MAD-  
NESS DE-  
SCENDS.**



**ONLY  
DESPAIR  
AWAITS.**



FIND HIM,  
MAKA? HE'S  
AROUND  
HERE,  
RIGHT?

YES...  
BUT...

I  
DON'T  
KNOW.



ITALY

ITALY



THERE  
ARE TOO  
MANY  
PEOPLE.



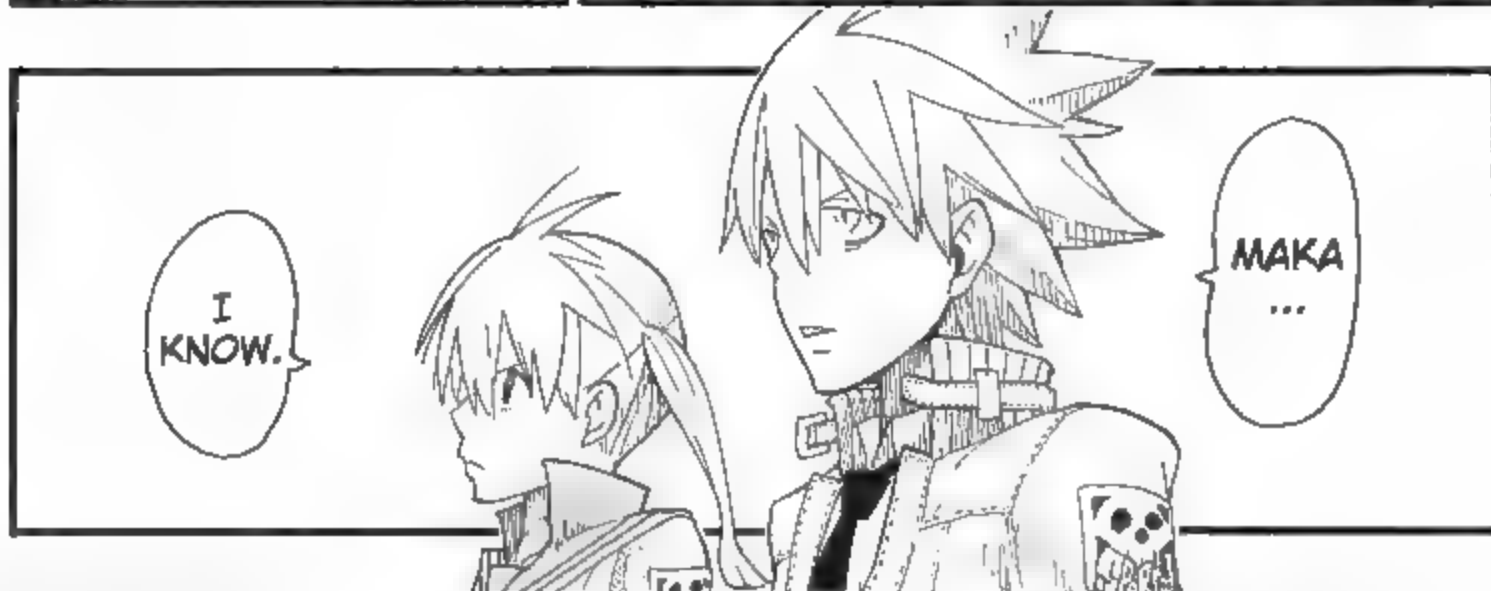
...



I  
SEE...



LET'S  
SPLIT  
UP AND  
SEARCH.



I  
KNOW.

MAKA  
...



BLACK  
★  
STAR...

BI  
(BING)  
E..

NEED  
ANY-  
THING,  
JUST  
CALL  
ME.



HE'S  
THERE,  
AIN'T  
HE...?



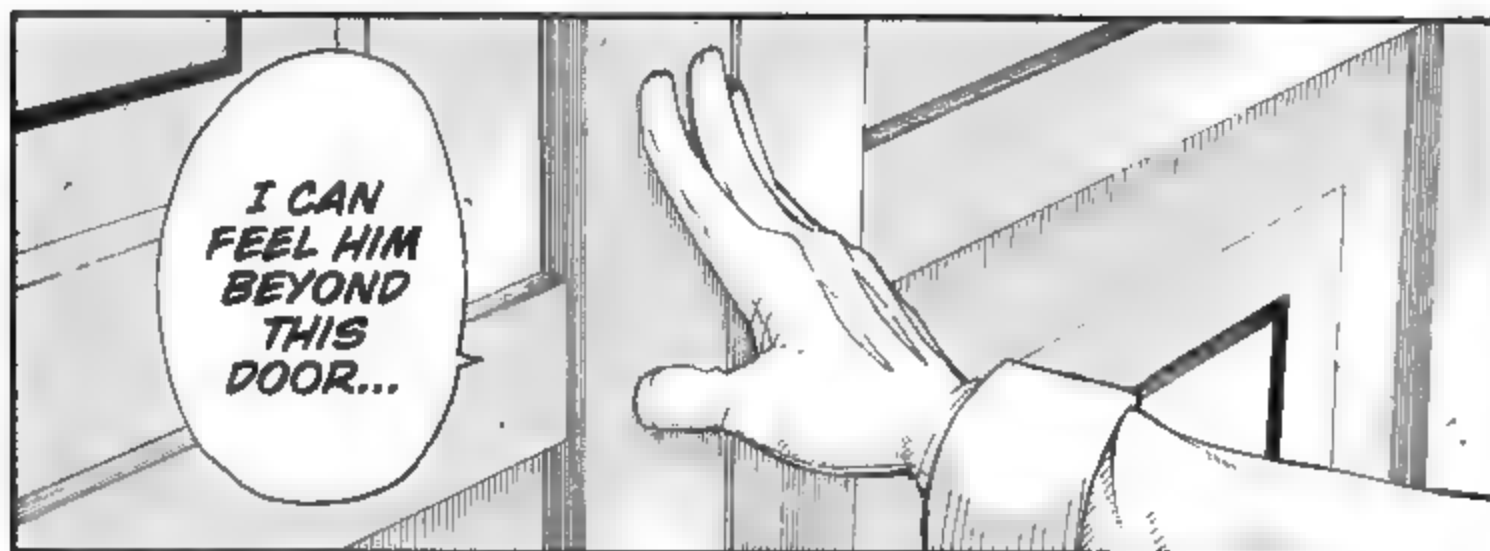
IF WE ALL  
BARGE IN  
ON HIM,  
HE MIGHT  
PANIC...

I'LL BE  
FINE ON  
MY OWN.

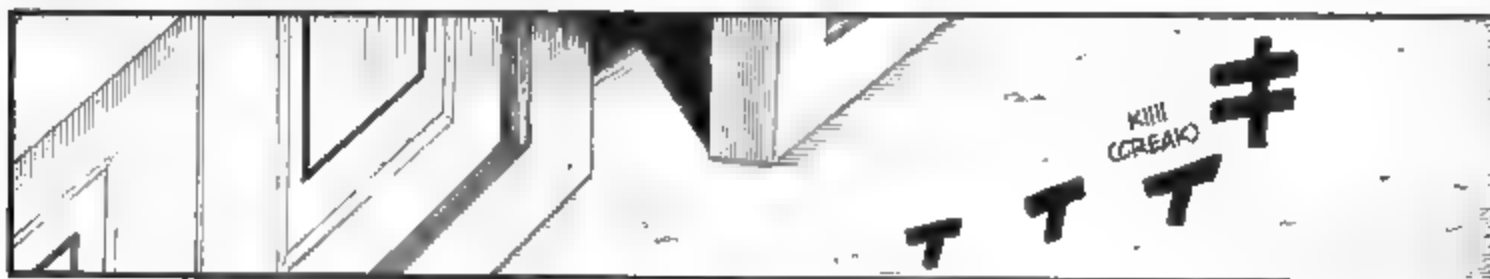


SANTA  
MARIO  
NOVELLA  
BASILICA





**CRONA.....**



**.....!!**





**CRONA-**

...





**WHO...  
ARE  
YOU...?**

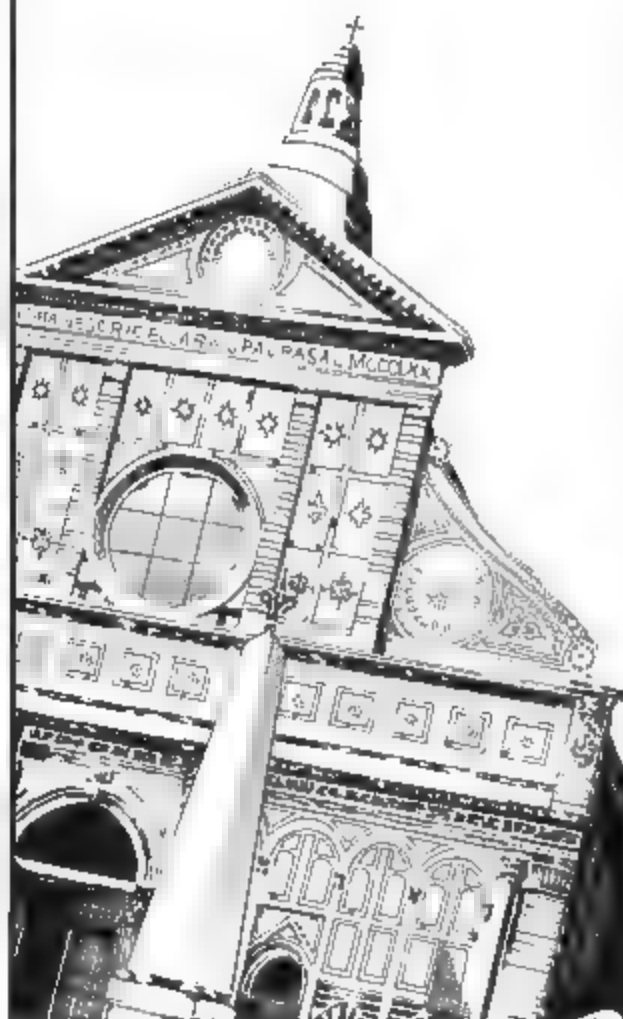
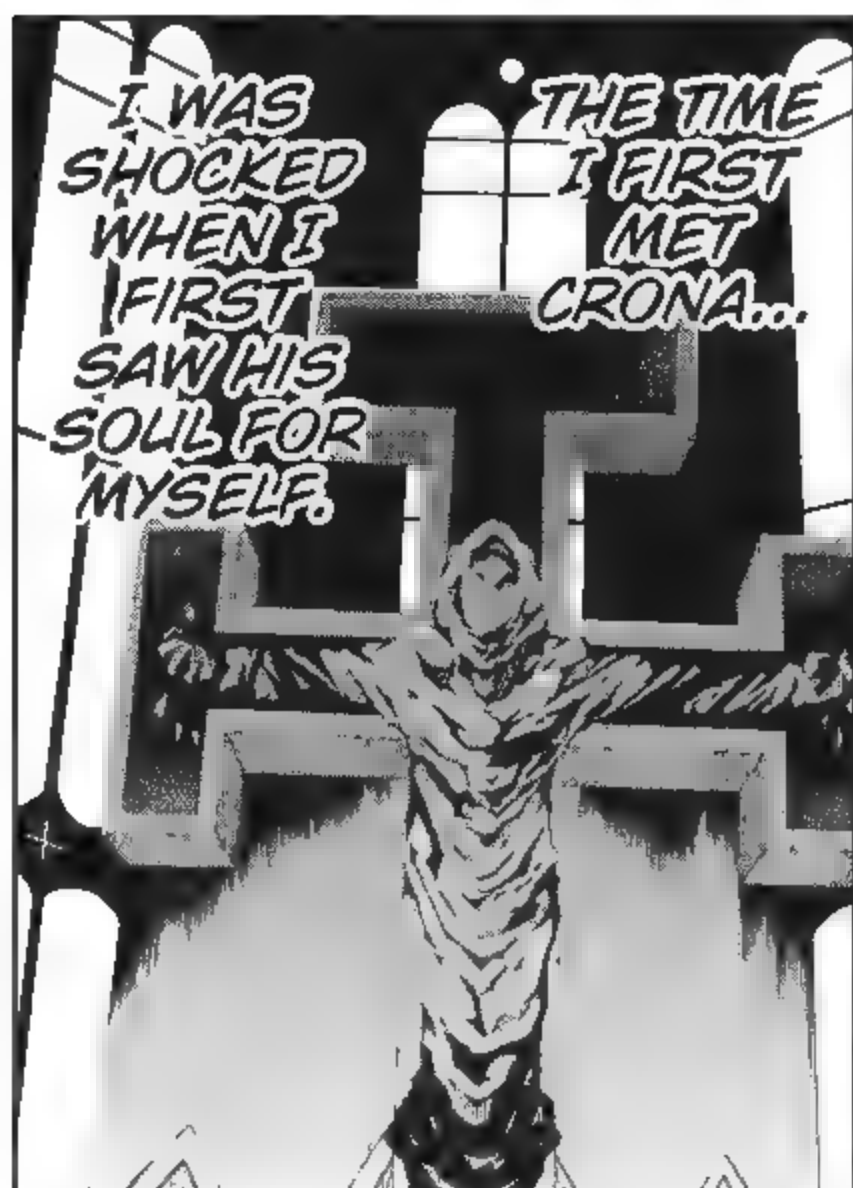
**SOUL  EATER**

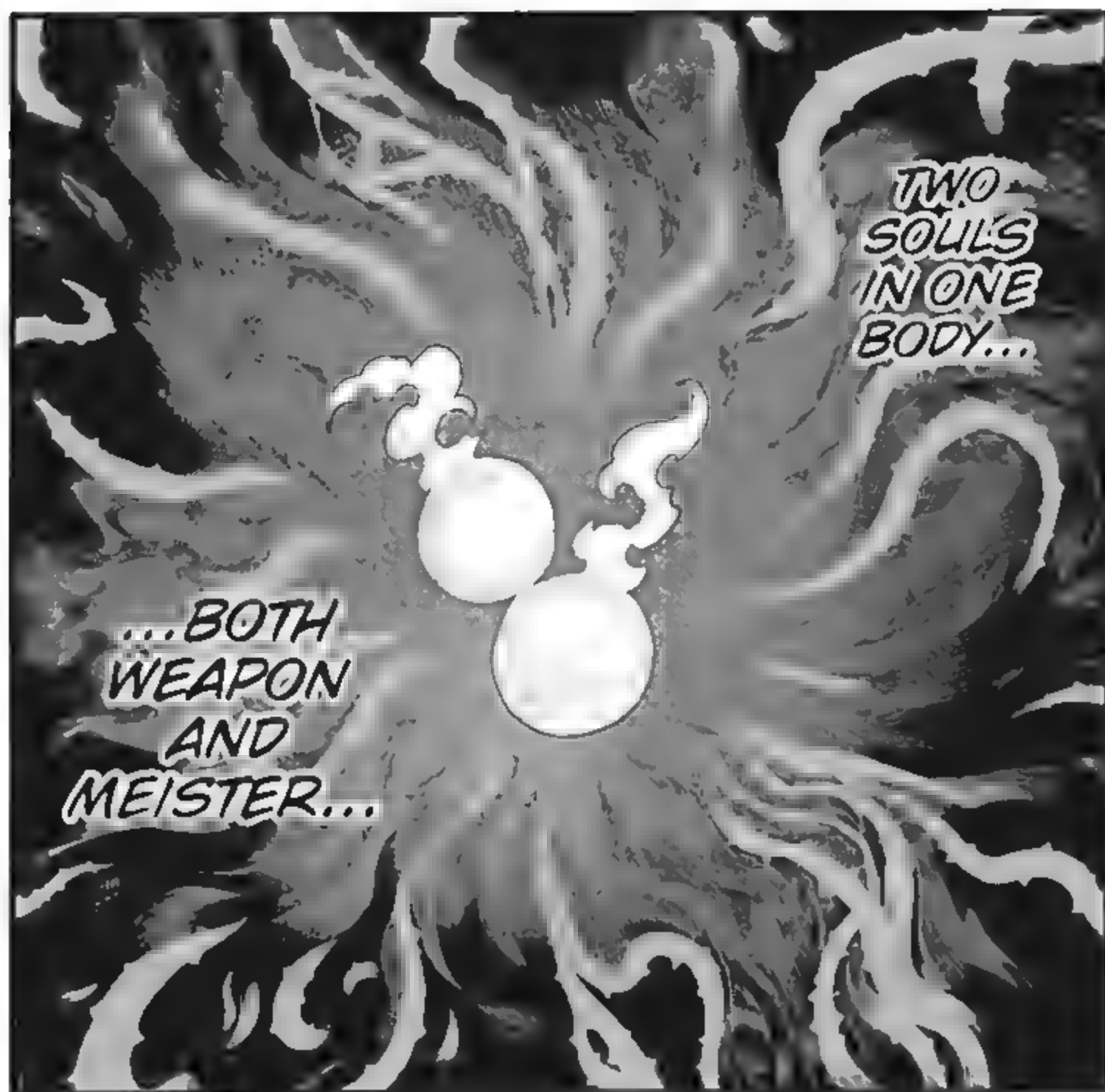


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**SANTA  
MARIO  
NOVELLA  
BASILICA...**





# SOUL EATER









MY  
FINAL  
ACT...

THIS  
IS THE  
LAST BIT  
OF ORDER  
I CAN  
UPHOLD...



WAIT,  
YOU  
CAN'T  
SAY  
THAT...



I WAS  
WAITING  
HERE TO  
TELL MAKI  
THAT—



YOU  
DON'T  
GET  
IT...



YOU CAN  
DO IT...  
WE'LL ALL  
ACCEPT  
YOU FOR  
WHO YOU  
ARE.

REMEMBER  
SOUL AND  
BLACK☆STAR  
AND KID AND  
TSUBAKI-CHAN  
AND LIZ AND  
PATTY? YOU  
WERE FRIENDS  
WITH ALL  
OF US...

AND  
MARIE-  
SENSEI...



M...ME-  
DUSA?



I KILLED  
MY  
MOTHER  
...



...WITH  
MY OWN  
HANDS...

THAT'S  
RIGHT...SOMEONE  
PRECIOUS AND  
IRREPLACEABLE...  
THE ONLY PERSON  
I AM LINKED TO IN  
THIS WORLD...



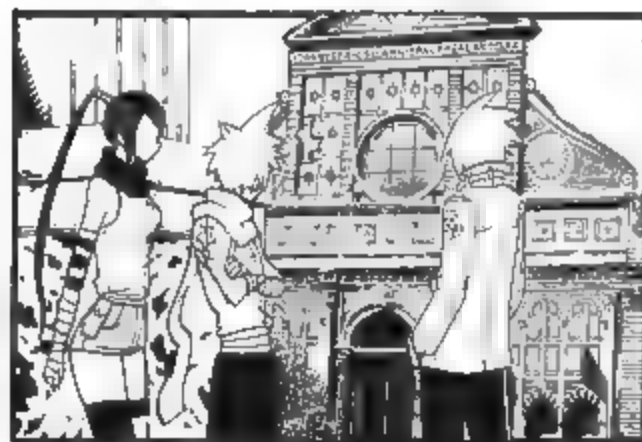
IN FACT,  
I FELT AS  
THOUGH  
I HAD BEEN  
LIBERATED...

I DIDN'T  
THINK A  
THING  
OF IT.



MY  
GEARS  
ARE  
BENT  
AND  
RUST-  
ED...

THEY  
WILL  
NEVER  
MOVE IN  
SYNCH  
WITH  
ANYONE  
ELSE'S.







FOR ALL  
ANIMALS,  
EVEN  
INSECTS.

ORDER IS  
ABSOLUTE.  
ORDER IS  
EVERYTHING  
IN THIS  
WORLD.



I DON'T KNOW  
HOW TO DEAL  
WITH ANYTHING  
IN THIS WORLD.

BUT I CANNOT  
UPHOLD ORDER.  
I AM ALLERGIC  
TO ORDER.



WE CAN  
START  
OVER,  
CRONA!!  
YOU  
DON'T  
HAVE  
TO!!



WITH  
THAT  
MADNESS,  
I WILL  
TWIST AND  
TEAR THE  
WORLD...

...UNTIL  
ALL ITS  
GEARS  
ARE  
BROKEN  
AND MIS-  
ALIGNED.

I WILL  
GO TO  
THE  
MOON...

...AND  
OBTAIN  
THE  
POWER  
OF THE  
KISHIN.







**WAIT,  
CRONA  
!!**



**TSU-  
BAKI  
!!**

**HUH!?  
BUT  
MAKA-  
CHAN'S  
IN  
THERE  
!!**



**SHUBA  
(FWOOSH)**

**STAY  
AWAY  
!!**

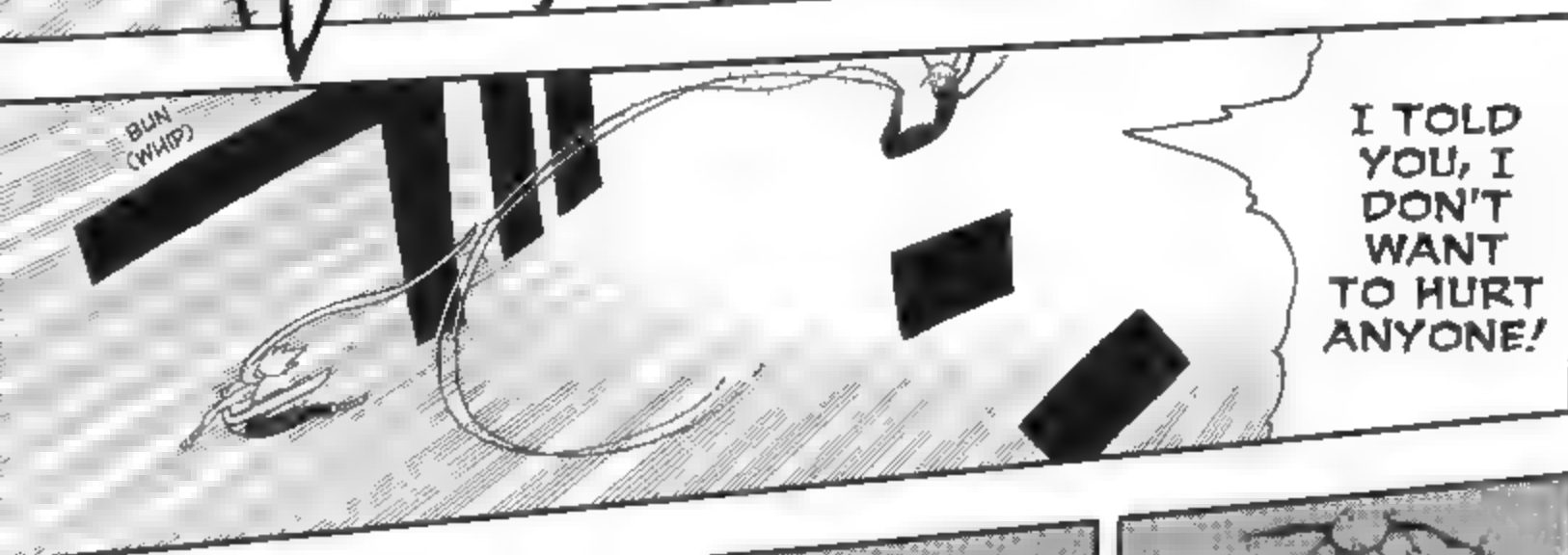


**YOU  
SON  
OF A  
BITCH  
!!**

**CRO-  
NA!**

**MAKA  
!!**









**WE'RE  
HEADING  
TO THE  
MOON AS  
SOON  
AS OUR  
PREPA-  
RATIONS  
ARE COM-  
LETE!!**



**I WILL...  
OBTAIN  
THE POWER  
OF THE  
KISHIN...**

**WITH THAT  
MADNESS,  
I WILL TWIST  
AND TEAR THE  
WORLD UNTIL  
ALL ITS  
GEARS ARE  
BROKEN AND  
MISALIGNED.**



**I WANTED  
TO GO  
THERE  
FROM THE  
START.**

**LET'S  
GO SEE  
KID!**



**I JUST  
WANT TO  
SOCK HIM  
A GOOD  
ONE,  
THAT'S  
ALL!**

**FORGET  
THIS  
BUSINESS  
ABOUT  
PUNISH-  
MENT AND  
ORDER  
AND ALL  
OF THAT!**

**STUPID,  
STUPID  
CRONA!!**

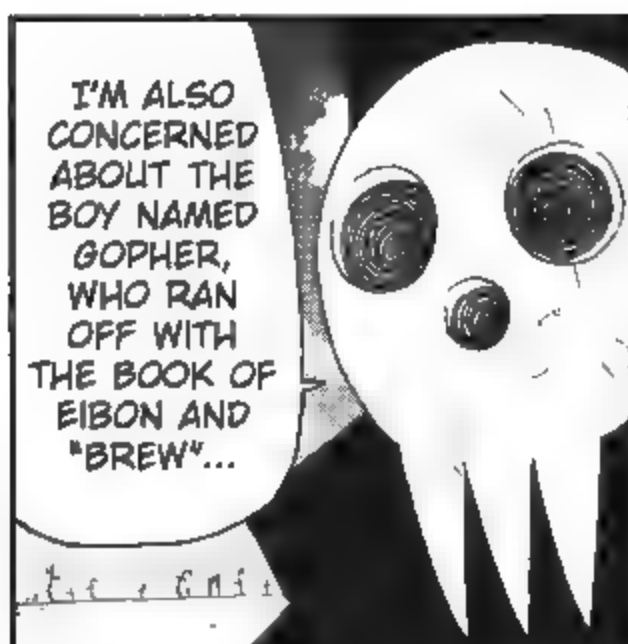
I'VE GOT  
WORD FROM  
YUMI AZUSA,  
ONE OF THE  
DEATH  
WEAPONS ON  
THE MOON.

KID'S  
CONNECTED  
TWO OF HIS  
LINES OF  
SANZU, BUT HE  
HASN'T FULLY  
AWAKENED  
HIS POWERS  
YET...

THEY'RE  
ENGAGED IN  
BATTLE WITH THE  
KISHIN'S CLOWN  
ARMY NOW...AND  
THE ENDLESS  
REGIMENTS OF  
ENEMY SOLDIERS  
ARE WEARING  
THEM DOWN.

SO  
THEY'RE  
HAVING  
DIFFICULTY  
WITHOUT  
"BREW"...

HMM  
...

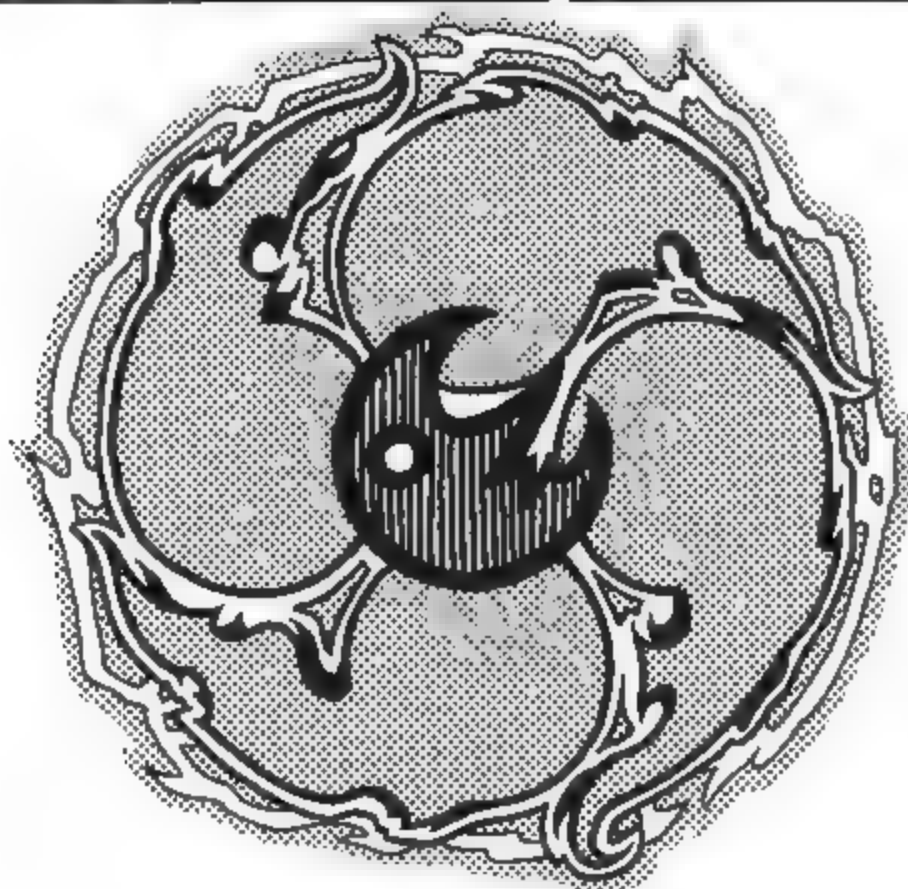


I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE BOY NAMED GOPHER, WHO RAN OFF WITH THE BOOK OF EIBON AND "BREW"...



IT SEEMS HE'S GOING AFTER THE KISHIN...

MEANWHILE, SPARTOI MADE CONTACT WITH CRONA, BUT HE ESCAPED AND IS EN ROUTE TO THE MOON.



THIS COULD END UP BECOMING A FOUR-SIDED BATTLE OVER THE KISHIN.



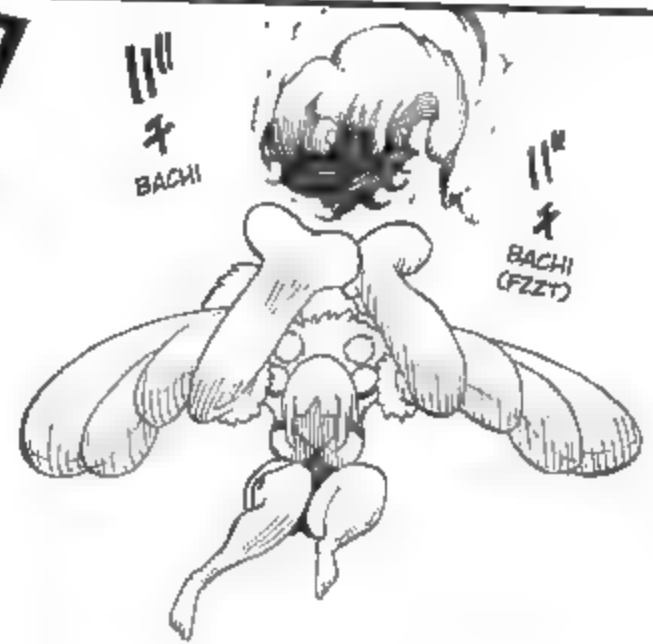
WE'RE READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE FIFTH POWER.

YES.



DID YOU GIVE KIM FROM SPARTOI...

...THE ORDER TO RETURN TO DWMA?

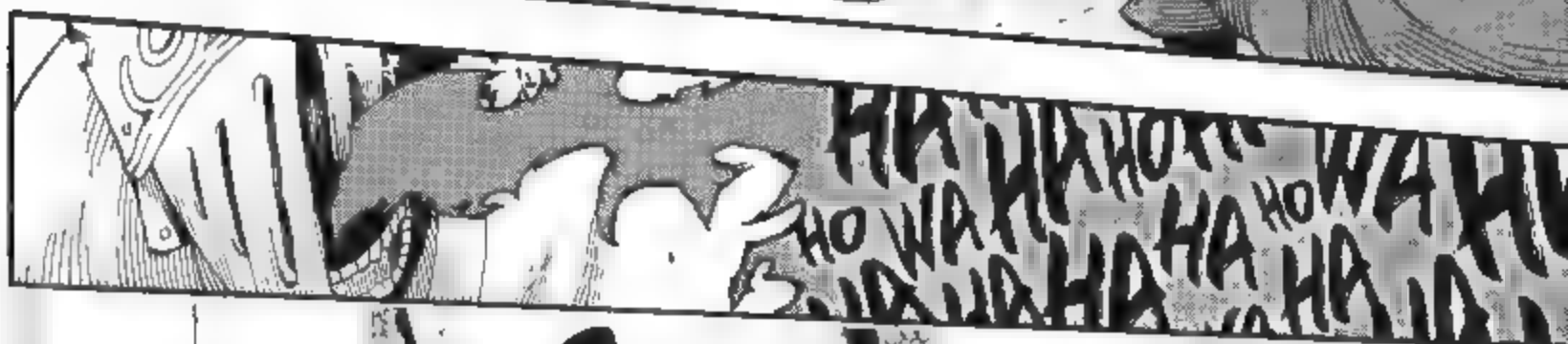






WILL  
THIS  
BATTLE  
EVER  
END...?

WHAT IS  
THIS...?  
THE  
MORE  
WE BEAT,  
THE  
MORE  
SHOW  
UP...



ZUOOO  
(ZUOOO)

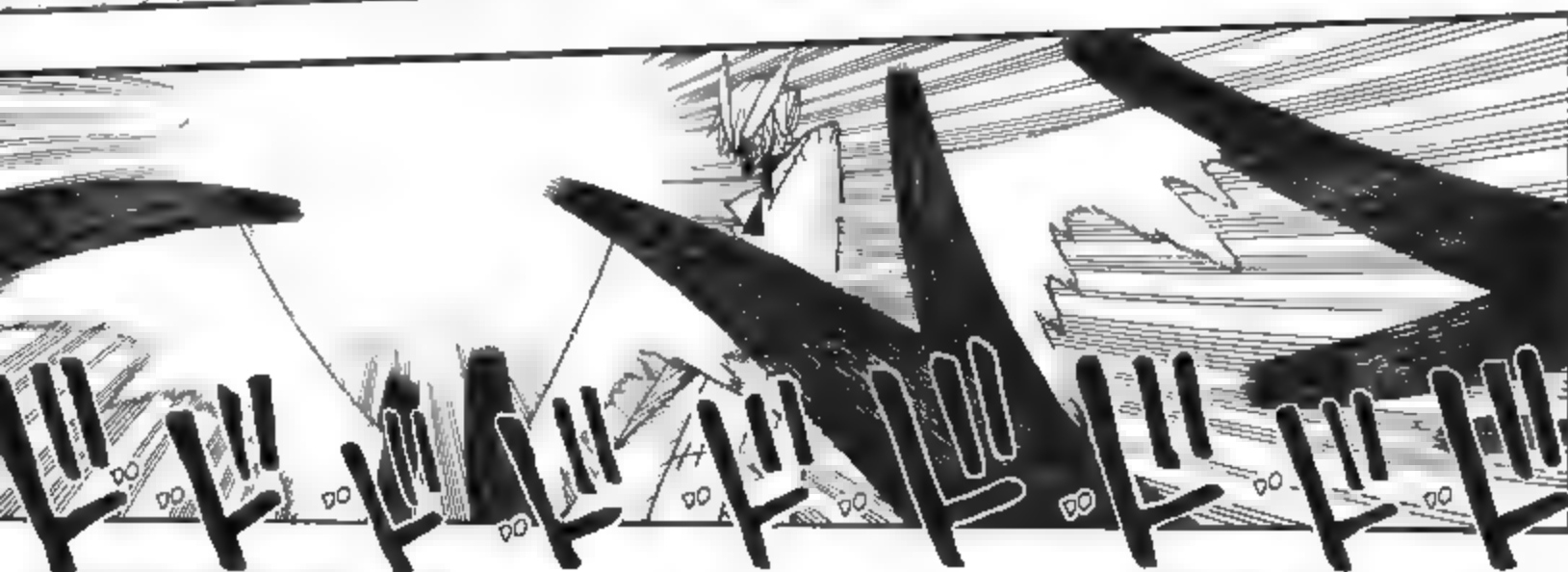
CEASE  
YOUR  
POINT-  
LESS  
RESIS-  
TANCE!!  
LET THE  
MADNESS  
CONSUME  
YOU!!

WITNESS  
THE  
MAD-  
NESS OF  
KISHIN-  
SAMA!

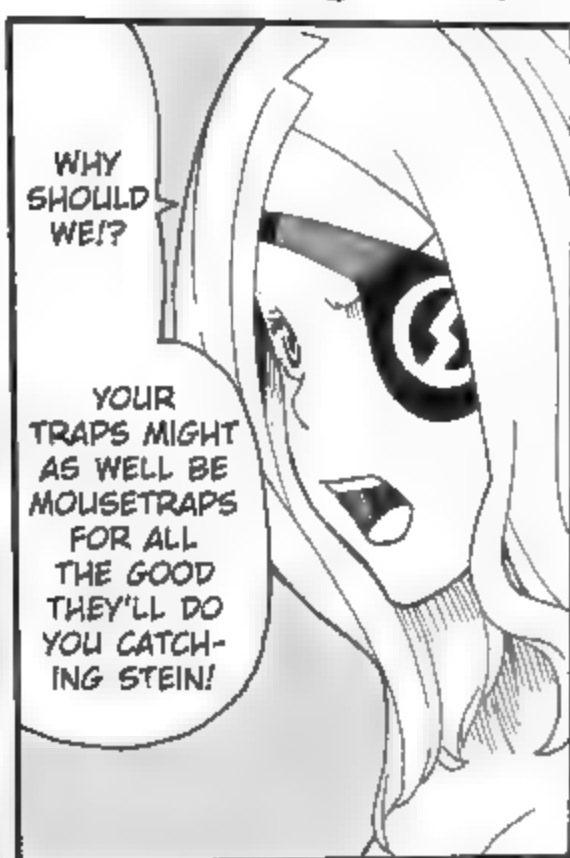


AND  
YOU! WHY  
DON'T  
YOU GIVE  
IT UP AS  
WELL!?

DO  
(SHOONK)



HA-HA-  
HA-HA-HA!  
WHATEVER  
DO YOU  
MEAN!?!  
YOU'RE  
ALREADY  
TRAPPED!!



WHY  
SHOULD  
WE!?

YOUR  
TRAPS MIGHT  
AS WELL BE  
MOUSETRAPS  
FOR ALL  
THE GOOD  
THEY'LL DO  
YOU CATCH-  
ING STEIN!



THAT'S  
RIGHT, THE  
MOON! THE  
MOON ITSELF  
IS NOTHING  
BUT A GIANT  
TRAP MEANT  
TO ENSNARE  
YOU ALL!!



THE  
MOON IS  
ACTUALLY  
AN  
ENOR-  
MOUS  
GUILLO-  
TINE!!

YOU  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE  
BUT TO  
WAIT  
IN FEAR  
AS THE  
GUILLOTINE  
BLADE  
SLOWLY  
DESCENDS  
OVER YOUR  
HEADS!

73:  
BURAN

73:  
BURAN

ONE STEP  
INSIDE, AND  
YOU'LL FIND  
IT QUITE  
IMPOSSIBLE  
TO ESCAPE!  
THE NOOSE  
IS ALREADY  
TIGHT  
AROUND  
YOUR  
NECKS!



AND  
THE  
GUILLO-  
TINE IS  
ALWAYS  
FALLING!  
THE  
GUILLO...  
GUILLO...  
GUI...

BRBT!

THE  
GUILLO-  
TINE IS  
TRAINED  
DIRECTLY  
OVER  
YOUR  
NECKS!!

MADNESS  
WILL  
ALWAYS  
AND  
FOREVER-  
MORE  
RAIN  
FROM THE  
MOON!!



TIME TO  
FINISH  
THIS.

I CAN'T  
SPEND  
ALL MY  
TIME ON  
THE LIKES  
OF YOU.

BASA  
(FLAP)



GA

GA  
(WHAK)



YOU  
HAVE  
ALREADY  
LOST!

KILLING  
ME  
WON'T  
AFFECT  
THE  
BATTLE!!

DO  
WHAT  
YOU WILL  
AND SAY  
WHAT YOU  
WILL, AND  
IF ANY  
DO NOT  
SHARE  
YOUR  
VIEW, KILL  
THEM!!

WHY  
MUST ONE  
CONFORM  
TO A  
HERD?  
WHO SAYS  
WE MUST  
ORGANIZE  
IN ANY  
CONFIGU-  
RATION?

TO JOIN  
THE HERD,  
UPHOLDING  
ORDER BY  
NEVER  
STEPPING  
A FOOT OUT  
OF LINE,  
ELIMINATING  
ALL MEN AND  
IDEAS THAT  
DO NOT  
CONFORM!

IT IS A  
GREAT  
MYSTERY  
TO ME,  
STEIN-  
SAN, WHY  
YOU SIDE  
WITH  
DWMA!

ISN'T THAT  
THE WAY OF  
NATURE!?  
WHY IS  
SHINIGAMI'S  
ORDER SO  
PRECIOUS  
TO YOU!?

SHINIGAMI-  
SAMA'S ORDER  
DOESN'T  
DEMAND ANY  
SUCH THING!

**SOUL  
RESO-  
NANCE!!**

NOT AS  
LONG AS  
I HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO DIRECT  
IT AGAINST!

BABA-  
(CLUNGE)

BUT STEIN, THE  
MADNESS WITHIN  
YOU IS FORBIDDEN  
UNDER SHINIGAMI'S  
ORDER!!

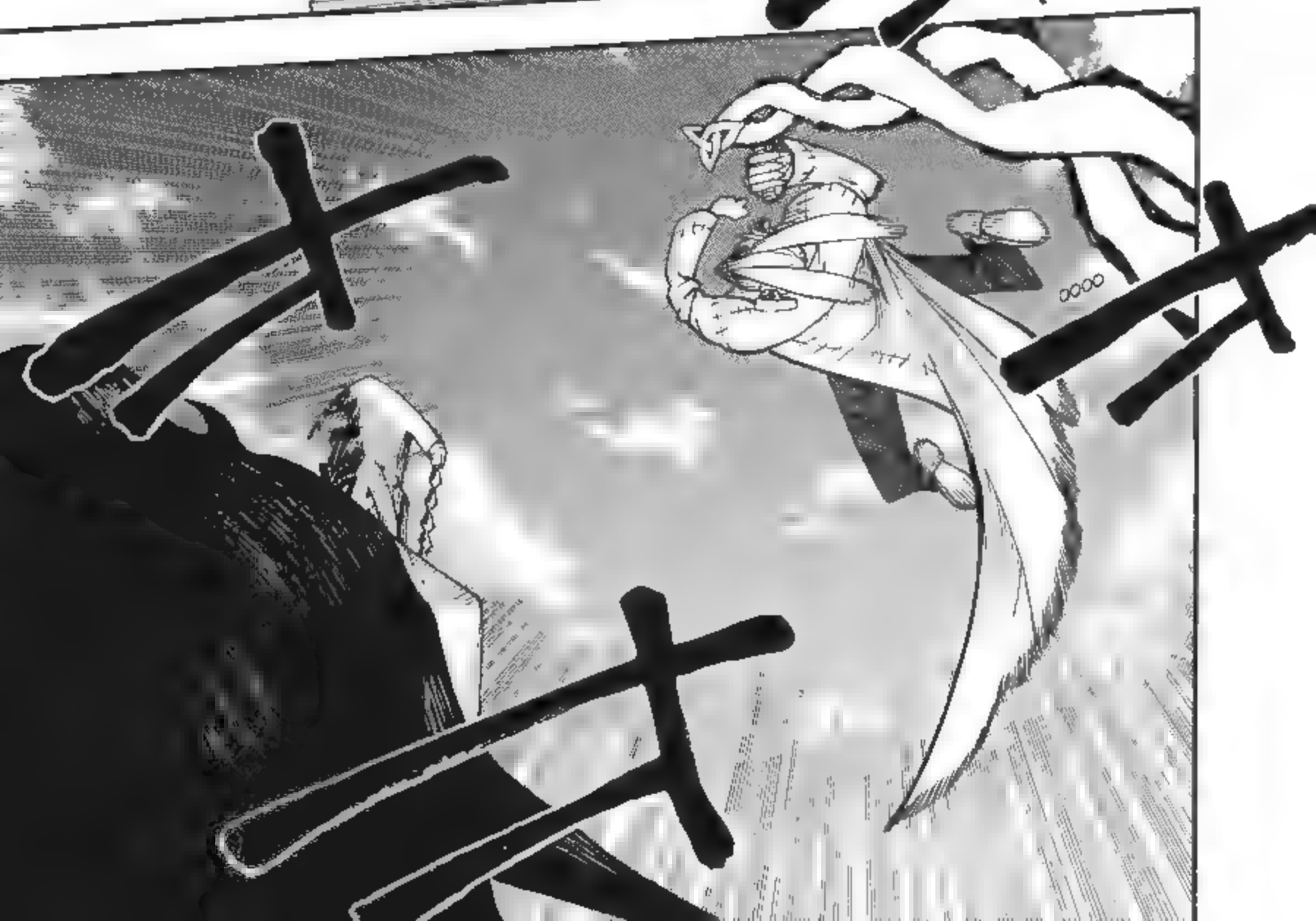
BABA  
(FWSH)

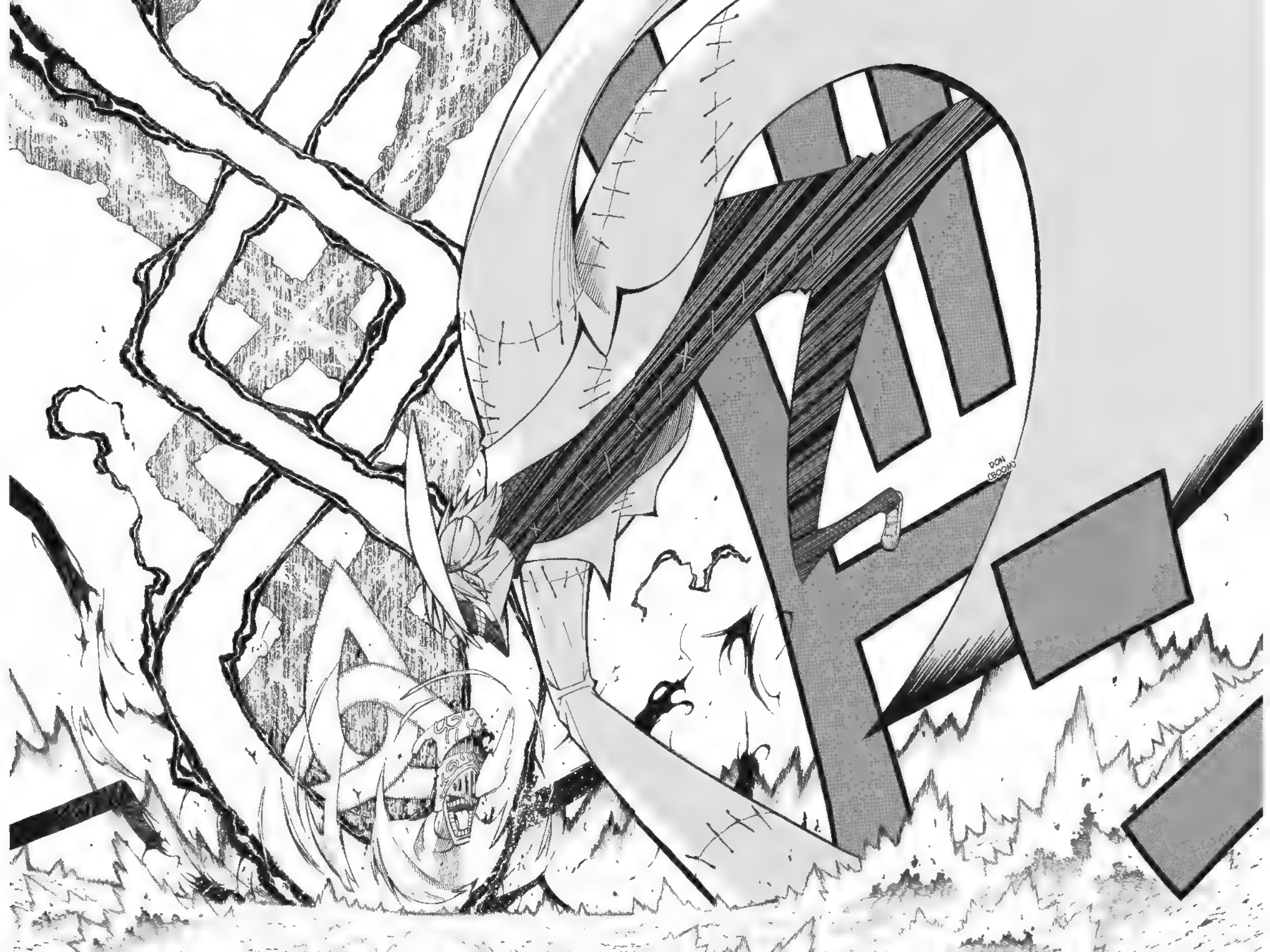
WHAT  
WILL YOU  
DO WITH  
THE MAD-  
NESS  
WITHIN  
YOU, SO  
ABHOR-  
RENT TO  
ORDER!?

0000  
(WHOOO)

AND WHAT  
WILL YOU  
DO AFTER  
SHINIGAMI  
HAS  
ELIMINATED  
ALL OF HIS  
SO-CALLED  
HERETICS  
!?

THIS  
IS  
FOR  
B.J.!!







HAVE  
NO  
FEAR...  
YOUR  
TIME  
WILL  
COME.



ORDER  
WILL  
CRUM-  
BLE TO  
DUST.

**SOUL  EATER**



ORDER  
WILL  
CRUMBLE  
TO DUST.



JUSTIN...



...BECAUSE  
YOU COULD  
NEVER  
IMAGINE  
WHAT LAY  
BEYOND AND  
BENEATH THE  
STRUCTURE  
OF ORDER.  
BESIDES...

YOU NEVER  
UNDERSTOOD  
A THING, RIGHT  
UP TO THE  
VERY END...  
YOU WERE SO  
SOLITARY THAT  
THE ORDER  
CRUSHED YOU  
AND DROVE  
YOU INTO  
MADNESS...



...EVEN  
IF ORDER  
FALLS, WHAT  
REMAINS  
IS NOT THE  
WORLD YOU  
SEEK.

# SOUL EATER

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SHINIGAMI-  
SAMA HAS  
ISSUED  
AN ORDER  
FOR YOUR  
RETURN.

YOU  
MUST  
REPORT  
TO THE  
DEMON  
AIRSHIP  
AT  
ONCE.

KOOO  
OWSHHH

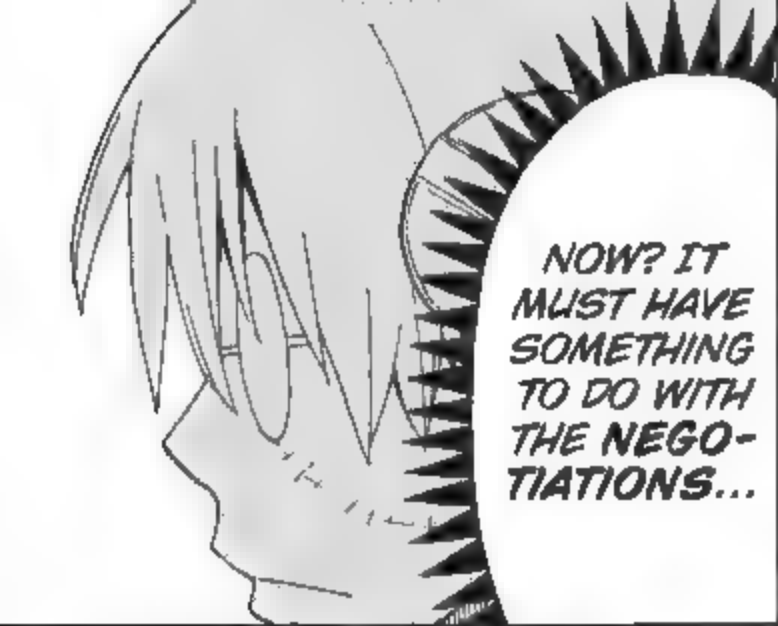


WHAT  
IS IT?

I CAN'T  
FOLLOW  
THAT  
ORDER, NO  
MATTER  
WHAT HIS  
REASON!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
TALKING  
ABOUT!?  
LEAVE  
RIGHT IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF THE  
BATTLE!?

GOSU  
OWHANG



NOW? IT  
MUST HAVE  
SOMETHING  
TO DO WITH  
THE NEGOTIATIONS...



FATHER  
HAS  
ORDERED  
ME TO  
RETURN.



SHINI-  
GAMI-  
SAMA  
AWAITS.  
PLEASE  
HURRY.



CAN'T  
LEAVE  
SO MANY  
WOUNDED  
SOLDIERS  
UP HERE  
EITHER...



YOU  
CAN'T  
POS-  
SIBLY  
AGREE  
WITH  
THIS!

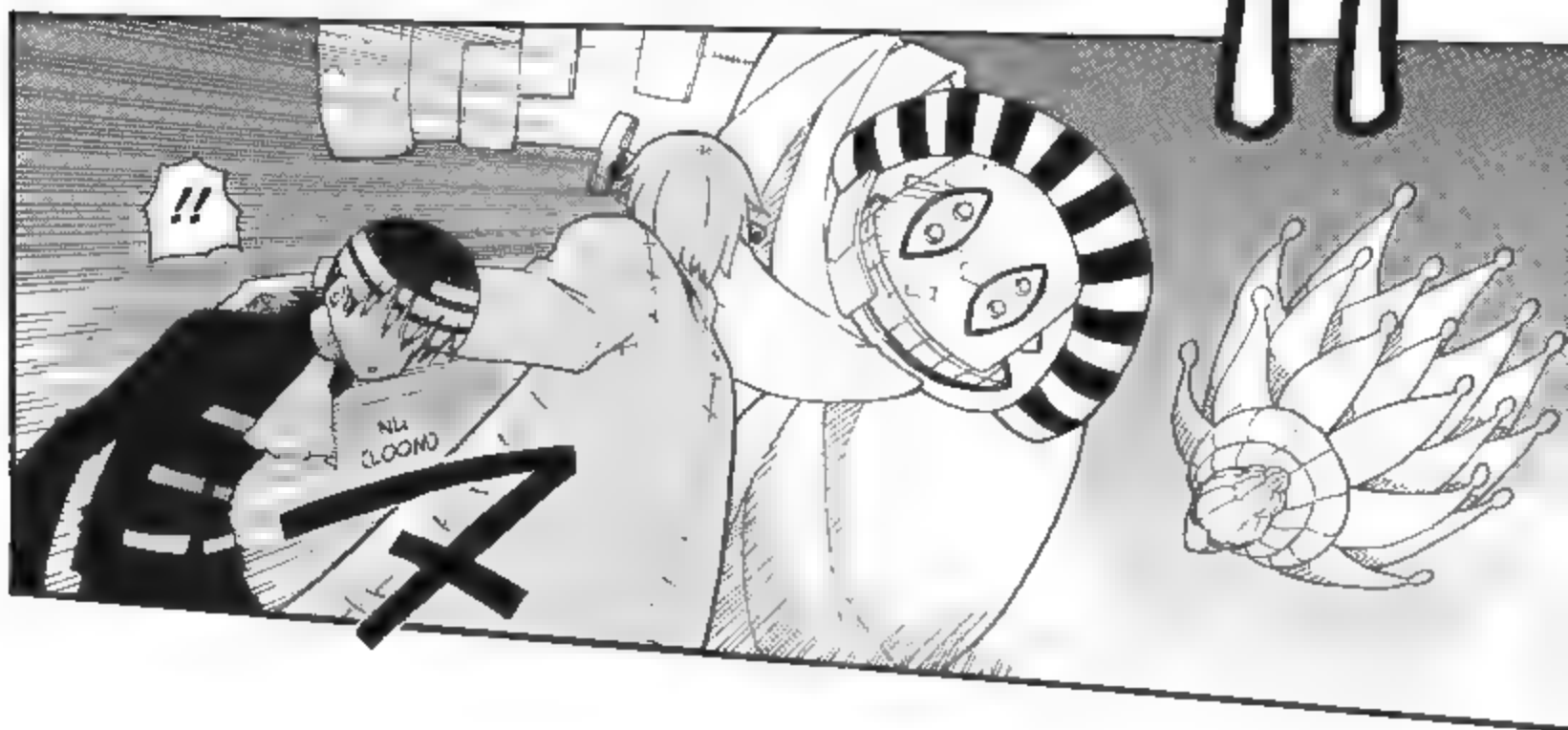


DO AS  
HE SAYS!  
TAKE THESE  
WOUNDED  
SOLDIERS  
BACK WITH  
YOU!

DEATH'S WEAPONS  
AND I WILL HOLD THE  
FRONT WHILE YOU GO!  
JUST MAKE SURE TO  
COME BACK QUICK AS  
YOU CAN WHEN YOU'VE  
CARRIED OUT SHINIGAMI-  
SAMA'S ORDERS! TRUST  
IN THE STRENGTH OF  
HIS WEAPONS!



IT'S NOT THAT  
I DON'T HAVE  
FAITH IN YOU! BUT  
THIS IS A WAR FOR  
THE SAKE OF ORDER...  
AS A SHINIGAMI I  
CANNOT RETREAT!!





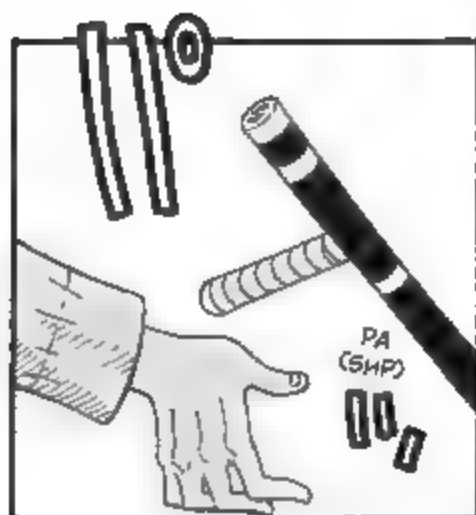
BUT...

ACCEPT  
THE  
ROLE  
THAT  
ONLY  
YOU  
CAN  
FUL-  
FILL!

YOU  
CAN DO  
THINGS  
WE  
NORMAL  
HUMANS  
CANNOT.



YOU ARE  
SPECIAL,  
KID.













THEN  
WHY  
ME?

HAVE THE  
NEGOTIA-  
TIONS  
BROKEN  
DOWN?



THE KISHIN'S  
REVIVAL AND  
OUR CURRENT  
PREDICAMENT  
WERE CAUSED  
BY THAT EVIL  
MEDUSA, BUT SHE  
DID NOT REPRESENT THE INTEN-  
TIONS OF ALL  
WITCHES...

YEP...

AFTER ALL,  
THE KISHIN'S  
MADNESS IS  
A THREAT TO  
THEM JUST AS  
IT IS TO US.

SO IT  
WASN'T TOO  
DIFFICULT TO  
ARRANGE A  
TRUCE WHILE  
THE WAR ON  
THE MOON  
RAGES ON.

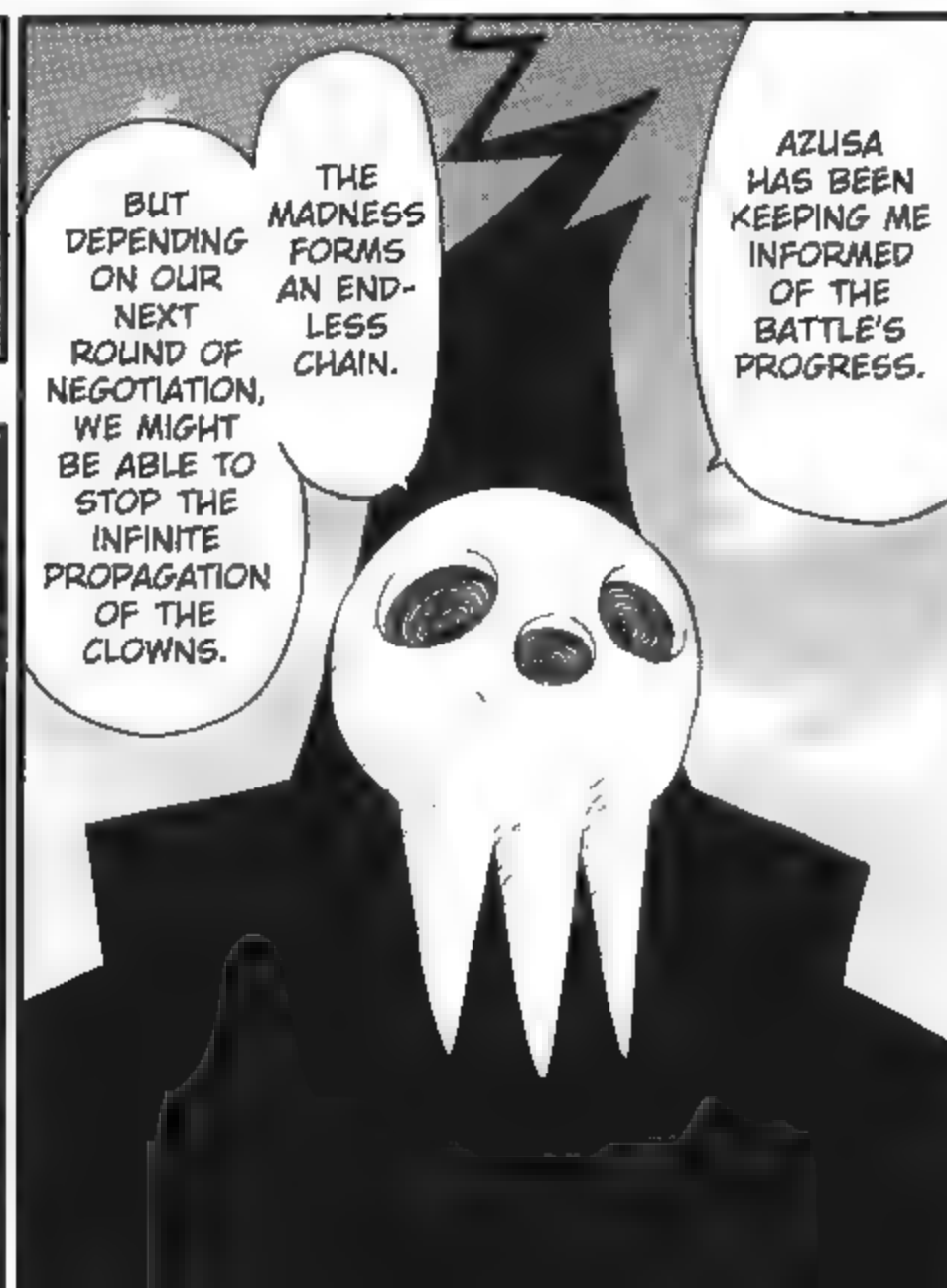


AND  
YOU'RE  
SAYING  
THAT  
CAN BE  
DONE  
BY...

?



EXACTLY.  
THE  
WITCHES.



BUT  
DEPENDING  
ON OUR  
NEXT  
ROUND OF  
NEGOTIATION,  
WE MIGHT  
BE ABLE TO  
STOP THE  
INFINITE  
PROPAGATION  
OF THE  
CLOWNS.

THE  
MADNESS  
FORMS  
AN END-  
LESS  
CHAIN.

AZUSA  
HAS BEEN  
KEEPING ME  
INFORMED  
OF THE  
BATTLE'S  
PROGRESS.

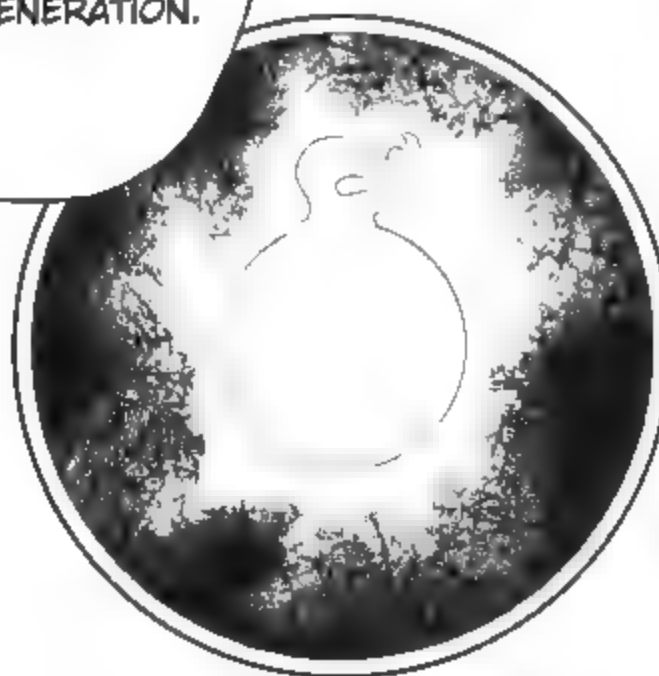


THE  
REASON  
THAT SO  
MANY  
WITCHES  
HAVE BEEN  
ALLOWED TO  
TRESPASS  
IN OUR  
HALLS...

THE  
MAGIC THAT  
DWMA HAS  
STRUGGLED  
WITH  
MOST...



BY APPLYING  
THE SPELL  
PROPERLY, WE  
COULD CUT  
THE CYCLE OF  
MADNESS AND  
BRING AN END  
TO THEIR  
REGENERATION.

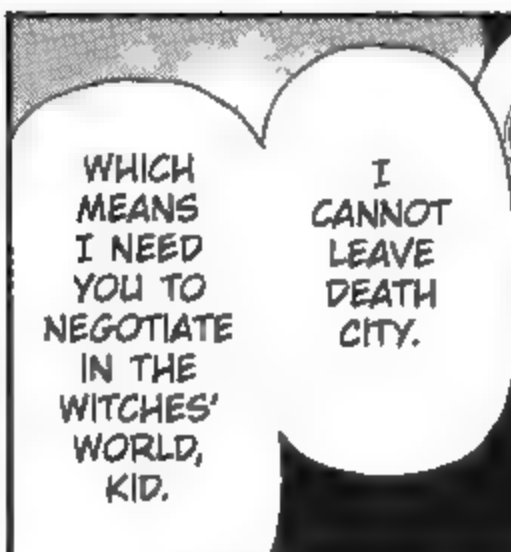


SOUL  
PROTECT IS A  
SPELL THAT  
SHUTS IN ANY  
SIGNALS, EVEN  
THE WITCHES'  
WICKED WAVE-  
LENGTHS.

YOU SEE,  
THE CLOWNS'  
REPRODUCTION  
IS FACILITATED  
BY THE  
KISHIN'S  
MADNESS  
WAVES.



BUT...  
I'M ON  
THE  
MOON.



WHICH  
MEANS  
I NEED  
YOU TO  
NEGOTIATE  
IN THE  
WITCHES'  
WORLD,  
KID.

I  
CANNOT  
LEAVE  
DEATH  
CITY.



THE WITCHES  
HAD ONE  
ABSOLUTE  
CONDITION FOR  
NEGOTIATION:  
A SHINIGAMI  
MUST CONTACT  
THEIR WORLD  
DIRECTLY.



BUT WE  
HAVE NO  
OTHER  
CHOICE  
IN THE  
MATTER...

IT SEEMS  
THEY'RE  
TWEAKING  
OUR NOSES  
A BIT BY  
ASKING THE  
IMPOSSIBLE.

THE  
WITCHES  
ARE  
AWARE  
OF  
THAT.



...AND  
THERE'S  
NO OTHER  
WAY...?

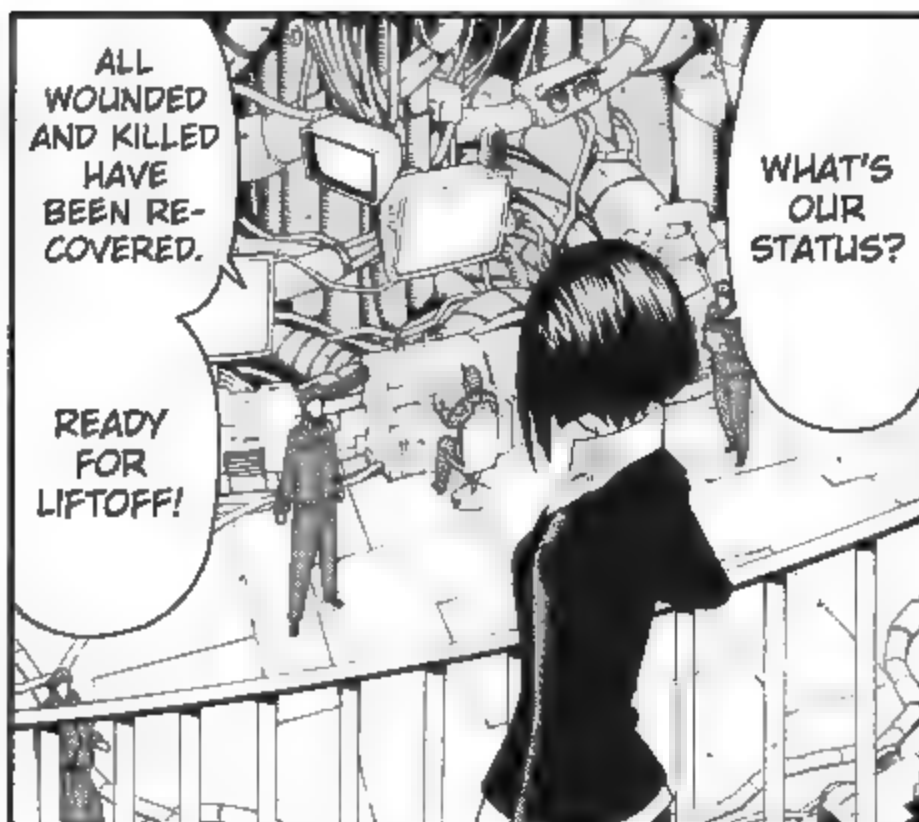


YOU  
MUST  
RETURN  
FOR  
NOW,  
KID.

REMAIN-  
ING ON  
THE MOON  
WILL NOT  
UNDO THE  
ENDLESS  
CYCLE  
OF THE  
CLOWNS.



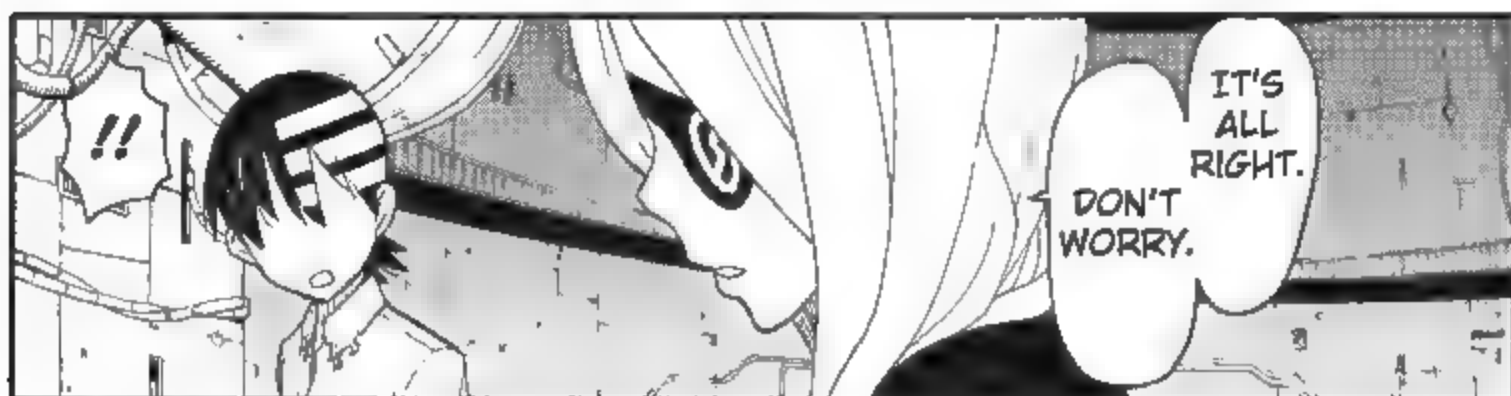
!!  
THERE  
ARE TOO  
MANY  
CLOWNS!  
WE'LL  
BE SHOT  
DOWN!



ALL  
WOUNDED  
AND KILLED  
HAVE  
BEEN RE-  
COVERED.

READY  
FOR  
LIFTOFF!

WHAT'S  
OUR  
STATUS?



!!  
IT'S  
ALL  
RIGHT.  
DON'T  
WORRY.

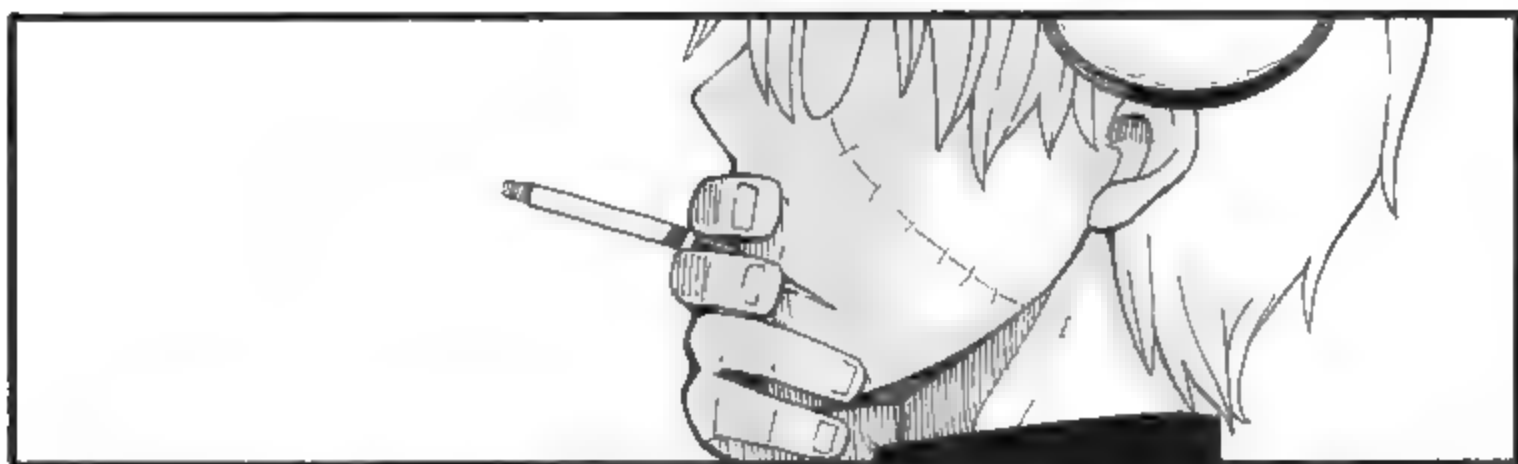


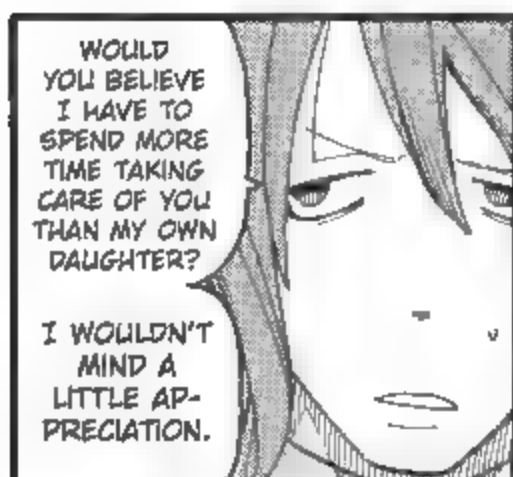
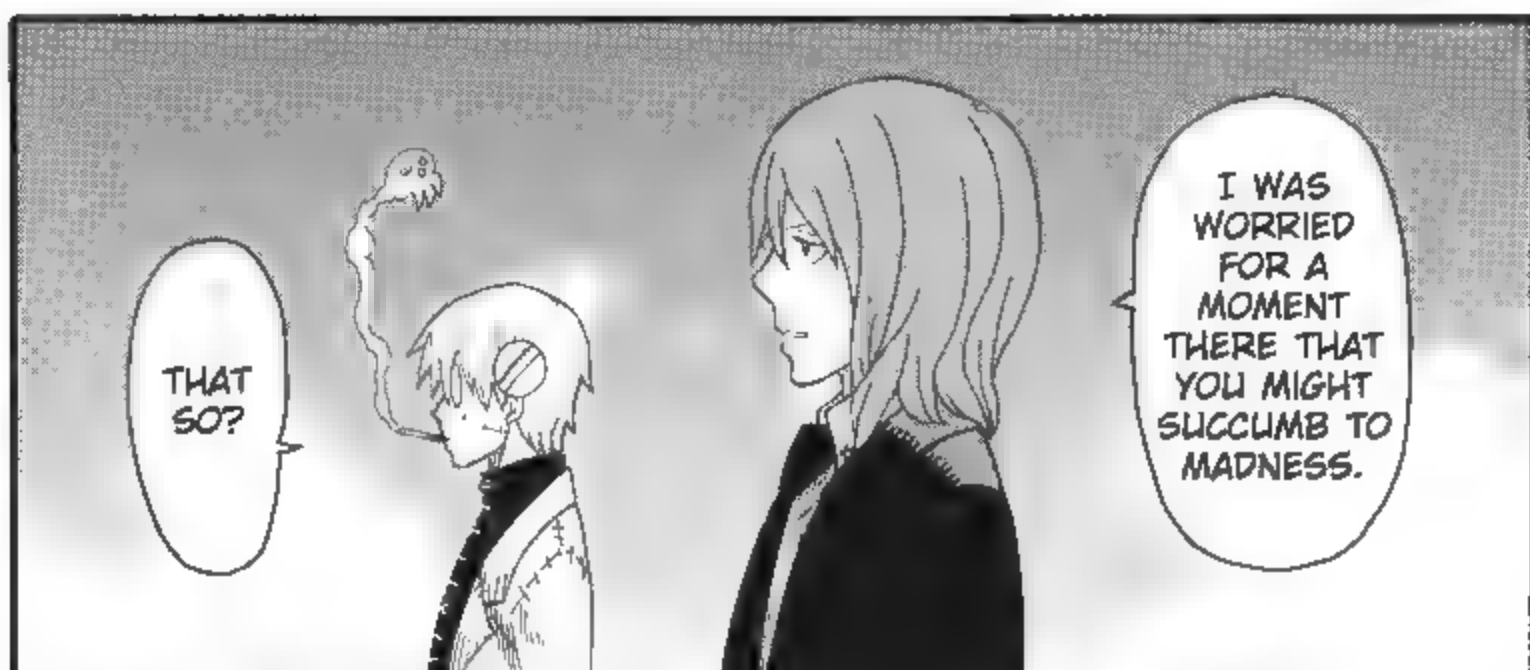
IT'S  
NOT FOR  
NOTHING  
WE'RE  
DEATH  
WEAP-  
ONS.



YOU  
DON'T  
MEAN...

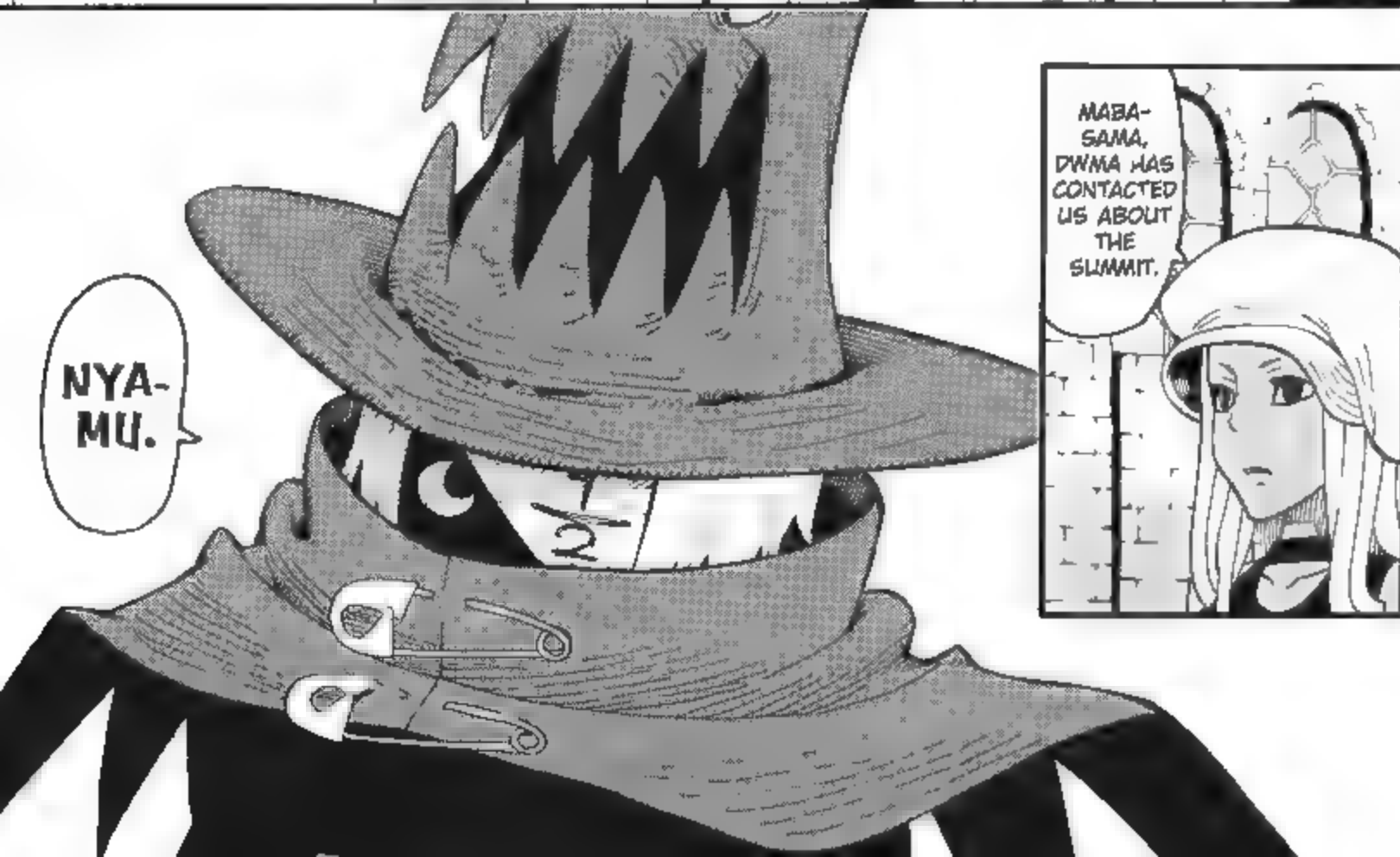
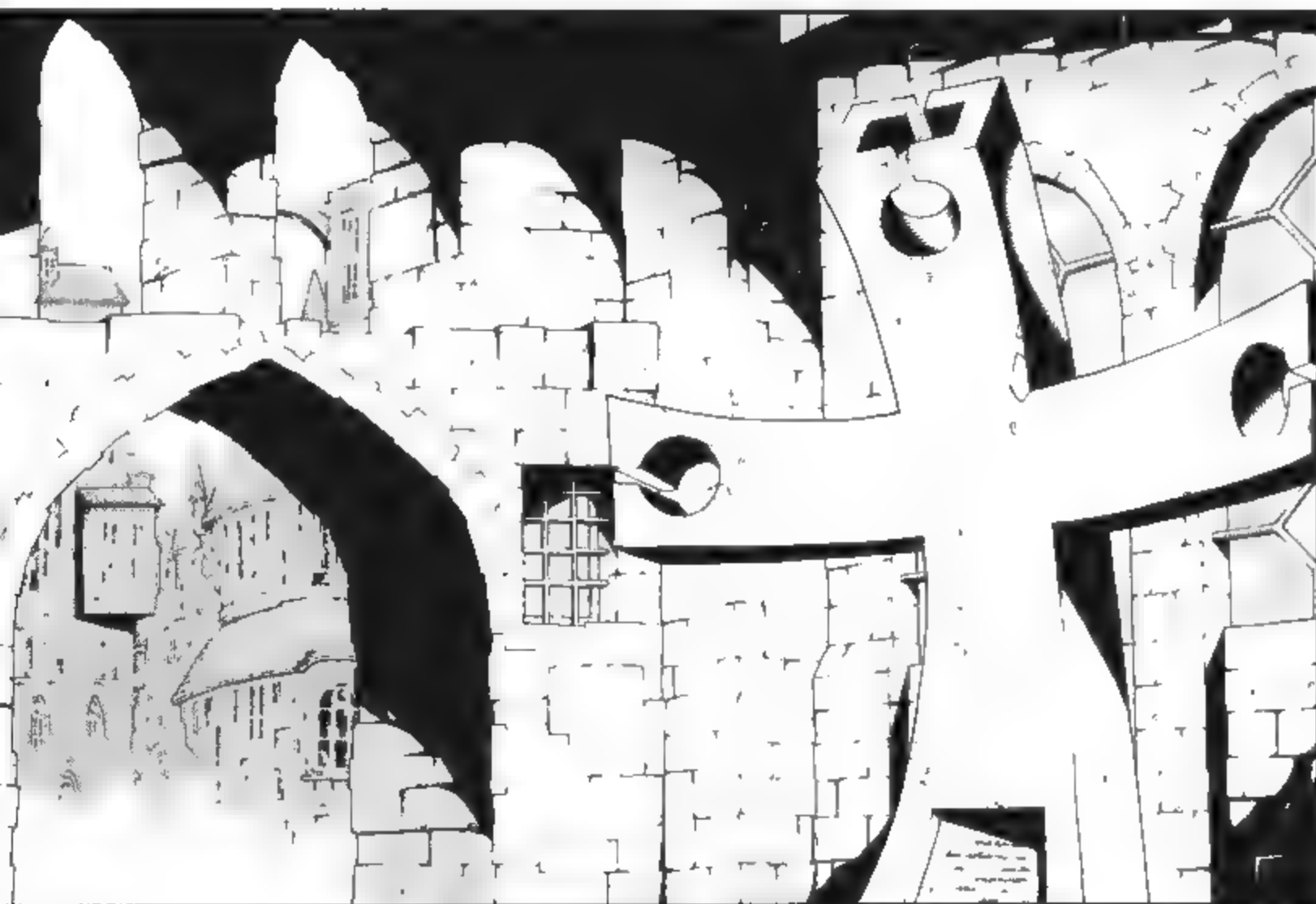
WAIT  
...







REALM  
OF  
WITCH-  
ES



NYA-  
MU.

MABA-  
SAMA,  
DWMA HAS  
CONTACTED  
US ABOUT  
THE  
SUMMIT.



RIB-  
BIT.

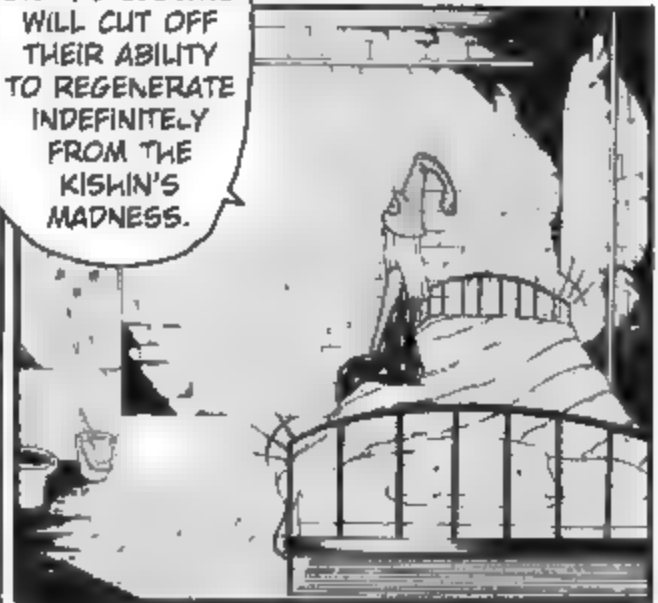
DWMA  
PRISON  
CELLS

CASTING  
SOUL PROTECT  
ON THE CLOWNS  
WILL CUT OFF  
THEIR ABILITY  
TO REGENERATE  
INDEFINITELY  
FROM THE  
KISHIN'S  
MADNESS.

IN THEORY,  
THAT'S  
CORRECT...

...BUT IT'S  
NOT THE KIND  
OF MAGIC  
THAT ONE OR  
TWO WITCHES  
CAN DO BY  
THEMSELVES.

THAT'S  
WHAT I  
TOLD  
THOSE  
DWMA  
PEOPLE  
WHEN  
THEY CAME  
TO ASK.



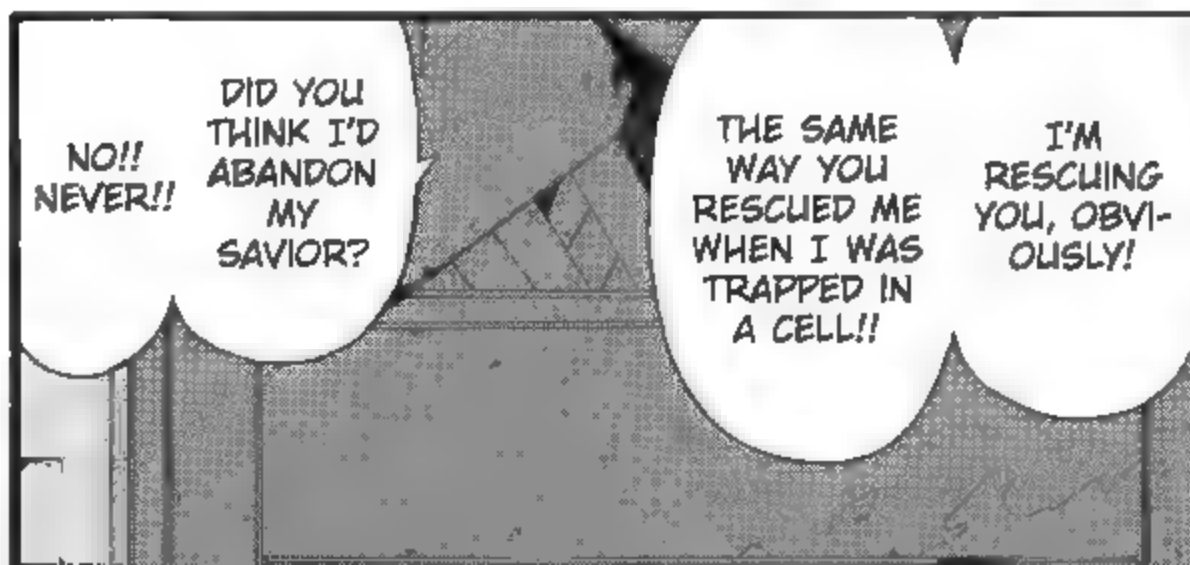
FREE!?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
HERE!?



IT'S  
FREE.

ERUKA,  
CAN  
YOU  
HEAR  
ME?

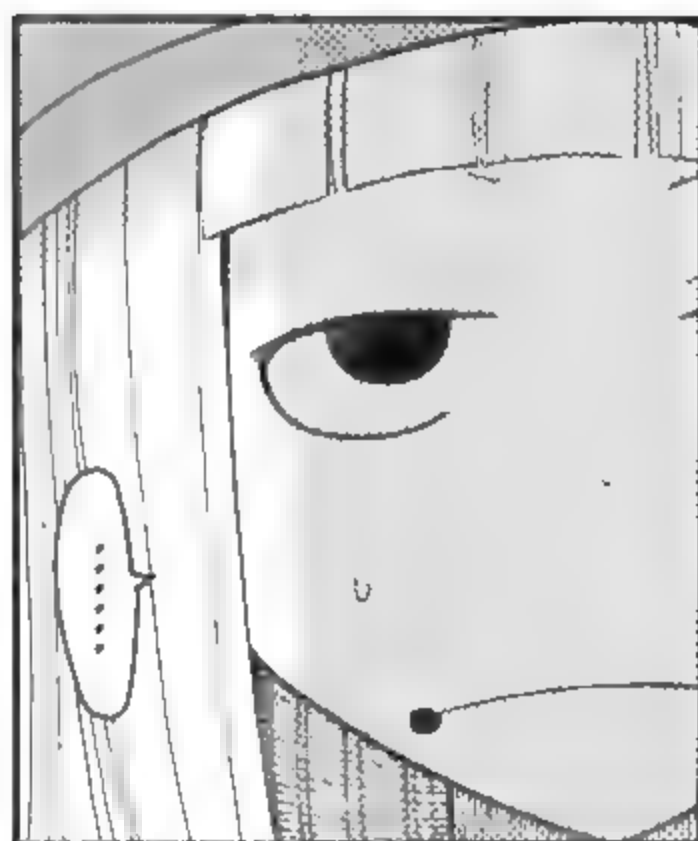
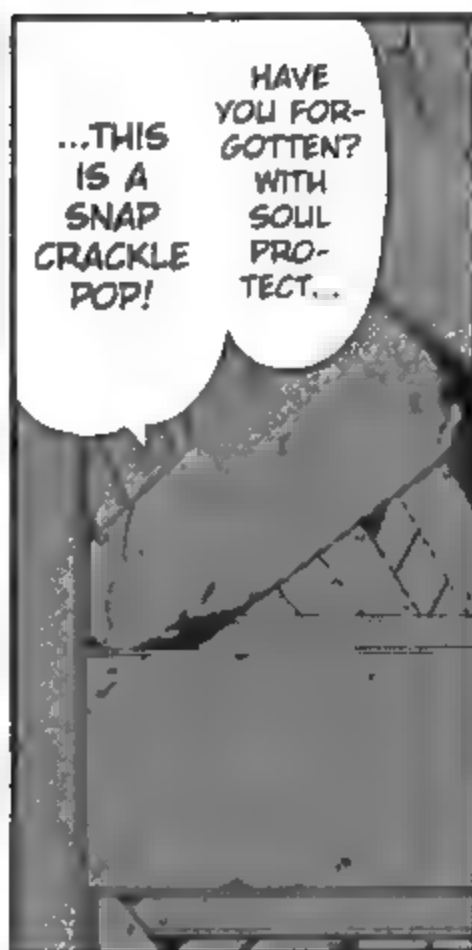


NO!!  
NEVER!!

DID YOU  
THINK I'D  
ABANDON  
MY  
SAVIOR?

THE SAME  
WAY YOU  
RESCUED ME  
WHEN I WAS  
TRAPPED IN  
A CELL!!

I'M  
RESCUING  
YOU, OBTU-  
OUSLY!





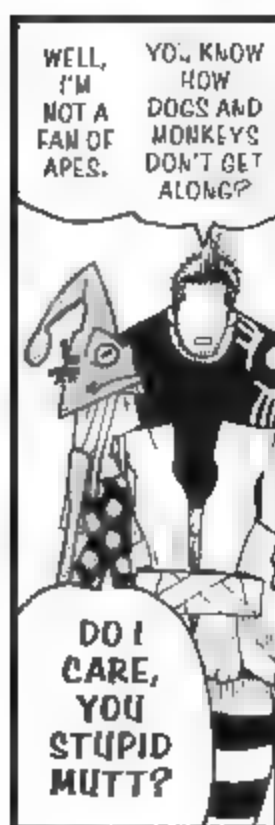
AS  
I WAS TRYING  
TO FREE  
YOU!!

YEAH!!

YOU GOT  
CAUGHT  
TOO.

YEAH...

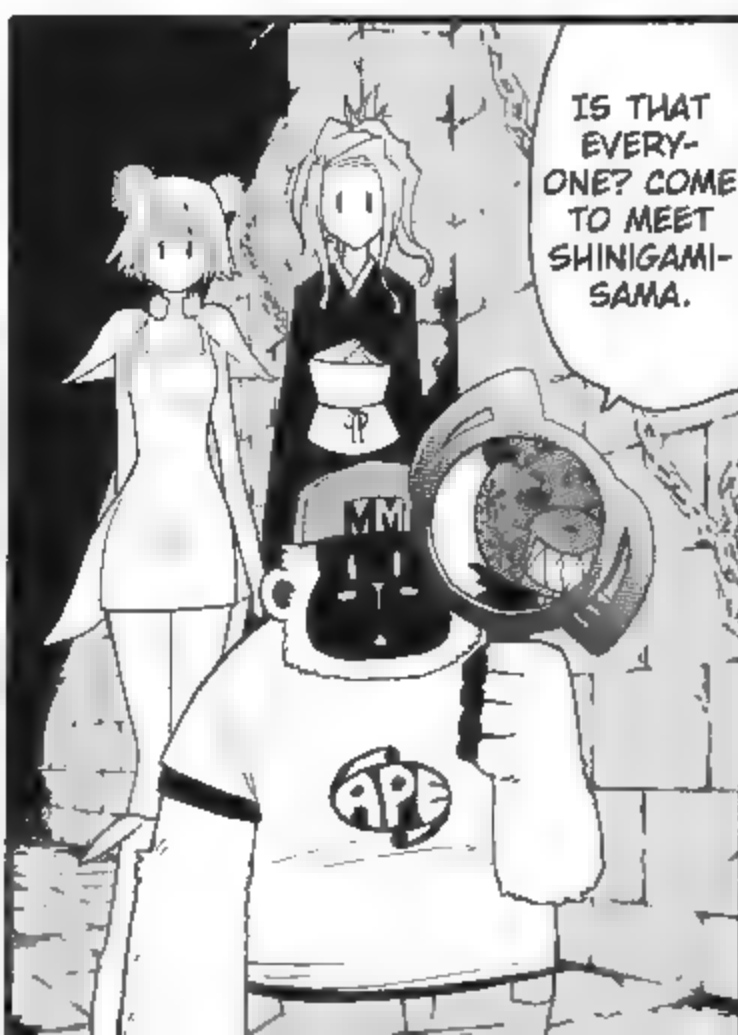
HE'S  
HUGE AND  
STANDS OUT.  
WOULDN'T  
IT BE  
OBVIOUS?



WELL,  
I'M  
NOT A  
FAN OF  
APES.

YOU KNOW  
HOW  
DOGS AND  
MONKEYS  
DON'T GET  
ALONG?

DO I  
CARE,  
YOU  
STUPID  
MUTT?



IS THAT  
EVERY-  
ONE? COME  
TO MEET  
SHINIGAMI-  
SAMA.

I  
MIGHT'VE  
BEEN  
CAUGHT  
FOR  
NOTHING!!

BUT IT  
SEEMS LIKE  
THEY'RE  
GONNA LET  
US GO.



NEEDLE

ITALY

ALL  
RIGHT.

AND  
FOR SOME  
REASON, I'M  
SUPPOSED  
TO GO BACK  
TO DWMA..

THERE'S  
NO WAY  
FOR US  
TO GET TO  
THE MOON,  
AFTER  
ALL..

WELL,  
WE'RE  
GOING TO  
LEAVE.

HANG  
ON A  
SEC!!

ALL  
RIGHT!  
I'LL BE  
WAITING.

ONCE  
WE'RE AT  
DWMA,  
WE'LL GET  
A RIDE AND  
BE RIGHT  
THERE.

たったっ  
TA  
TA  
TA  
(TMP)

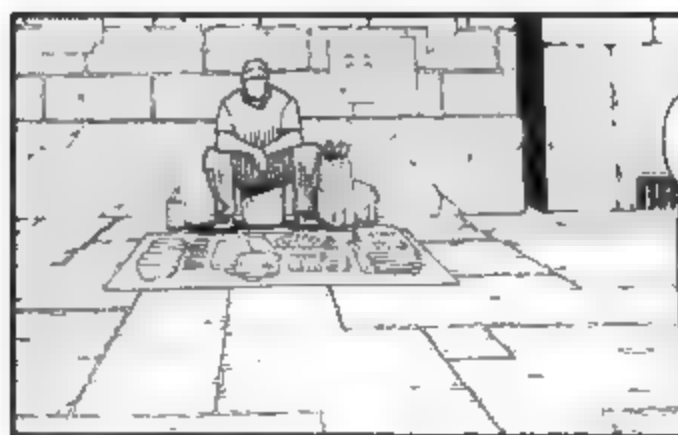
SORRY,  
SORRY.



WHAT  
IS IT...?



THESE  
ARE  
FOR  
EVERY-  
ONE.



I BOUGHT  
THEM FROM  
A ROADSIDE  
STAND WHILE  
MAKA-CHAN  
WAS REPORTING  
TO SHINIGAMI-  
SAMA.



WE'RE ALL  
SPLITTING UP,  
AREN'T WE?  
BUT IF WE'RE  
ALL WEARING  
SOMETHING  
THAT'S THE  
SAME...



I WAS JUST  
THINKING  
THE HAIR  
GETTING  
IN MY EYES  
WAS ANNOY-  
ING, AND I  
WANTED A  
HEADBAND,  
SO...



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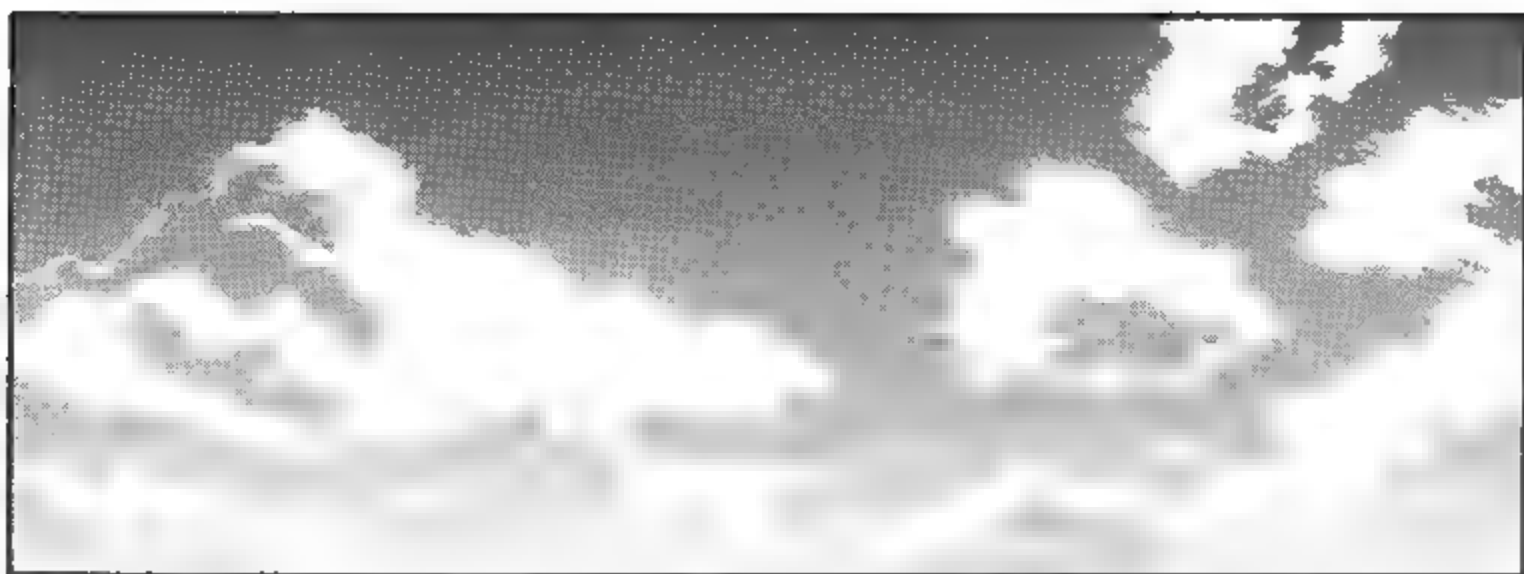


RIGHT?  
HEH  
HEH...



...AT  
LEAST  
OUR  
SOULS  
WILL BE  
ONE!!











**OKAY,  
LET'S  
GO!!  
WHICH  
WAY'S  
THE  
MOON  
!?**



**THAT  
WAY!!**

# Translation Notes

## Common Honorifics

**no honorific:** Indicates familiarity or closeness; if used without permission or reason, addressing someone in this manner would constitute an insult.

**-san:** The Japanese equivalent of Mr./Mrs./Miss. If a situation calls for politeness, this is the fail-safe honorific.

**-sama:** Conveys great respect; may also indicate that the social status of the speaker is lower than that of the addressee.

**-kun:** Used most often when referring to boys, this indicates affection or familiarity. Occasionally used by older men among their peers, but it may also be used by anyone referring to a person of lower standing.

**-chan:** An affectionate honorific indicating familiarity used mostly in reference to girls; also used in reference to cute persons or animals of either gender.

**-senpai:** A suffix used to address upperclassmen or more experienced coworkers.

**-sensei:** A respectful term for teachers, artists, or high-level professionals.

## Page 27

**Pelt of the Fire Rat** comes from the well-known Japanese folktale known as "The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter" or "Princess Kaguya." The sought-after Princess Kaguya tells her five princely suitors that they must each bring her a rare treasure. One of these treasures was the pelt (or robe) of the fire rat.

## Page 44

Justin's "**Schmidt**" attack may be a reference to Franz Schmidt, a German executioner who held the position officially in Bamberg and Nuremberg from 1573 to 1617. During his career, Schmidt kept a journal detailing the 361 executions and 365 lesser punishments carried out over the course of his 45-year career.

## Page 74

The term for "**square shoulders**" in Japanese includes the character for "rage" or "wrath," which seems to be this Noah's defining characteristic.

## Page 158

The well-known Japanese phrase "**like dogs and monkeys**" refers to two people or sides being constantly at odds with one another. The Western equivalent might be "like cats and dogs."

# SOUL EATER

JUST TAKE  
ME TO THE  
PLACE OF  
THE NEGOTIATIONS.

WELL,  
NO USE  
STANDING  
HERE WONDER-  
ING.

WHO IS  
MABA...?

**KID TRAVELS TO THE REALM OF WITCHES  
TO REQUEST EXTRA FORCES.**

ZAN  
(SKFP)

!

**CAN HIS PLEA MEND THE GREAT RIFT  
BETWEEN DWMA AND WITCHKIND?**

KAN  
DUNDUND

IT  
APPEARS  
THAT  
WON'T BE  
NECES-  
SARY.



**WE  
CANNOT  
DO THIS  
ON OUR  
OWN!  
PLEASE  
LEND US  
YOUR  
HELP!!**

**CAN HE MOVE THE WITCHES' HEARTS!?**

**NYAMU  
!!!**

**Continued in Soul Eater Volume 23!!**

SO  
DARK,  
MAN...

IT'S  
DARK...

A GATHERING  
SPOT  
FOR SPACE  
DUST...

THIS IS  
AWESOME-  
YA...

ALMOST  
AS DARK  
AS THE  
VOLUME  
COVERS  
THESE DAYS,  
AMIRIGHT?

NOTHIN'  
WE CAN  
DO, MAN.

WHAT  
SHOULD  
WE DO?

YEAH,  
MAN.

THIS  
ALMOST  
AIN'T EVEN  
WORTH  
SHOWIN'  
UP FOR.

FORGET  
IT. THIS IS  
DUMB.

SOME-  
THING'S  
GLOWING.

WHAT!?

AH!!

WHAT  
IS THAT  
THING?



SEE YOU NEXT TIME...

THOSE WHO RELAX IN THE DARK...

BUT FILLING IN ALL THAT BLACK SPACE CAN BE TIRING. AND BORING.

DARK IS FINE TOO. NO NEED TO DRAW ANY LINES.

# NOT!

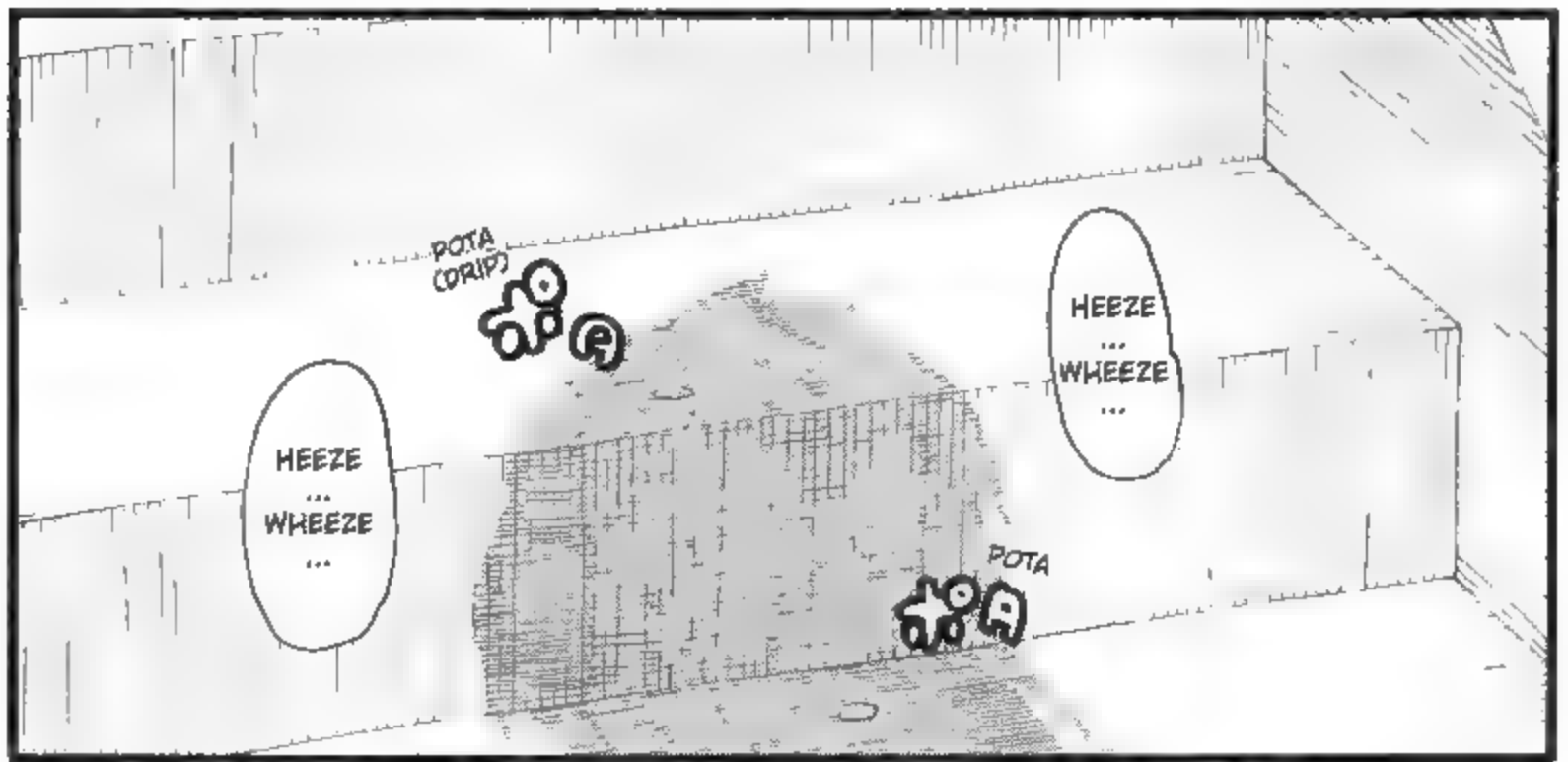


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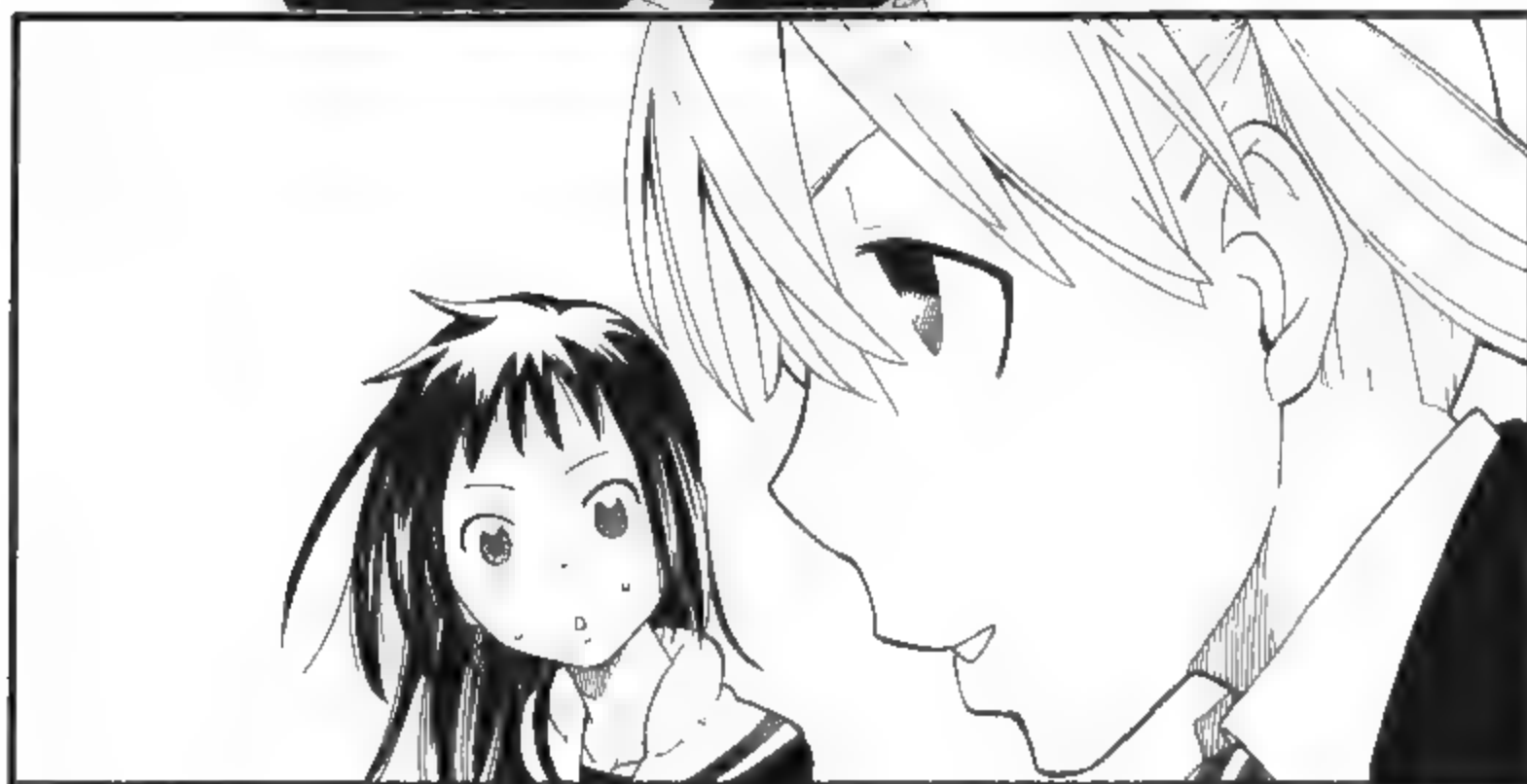
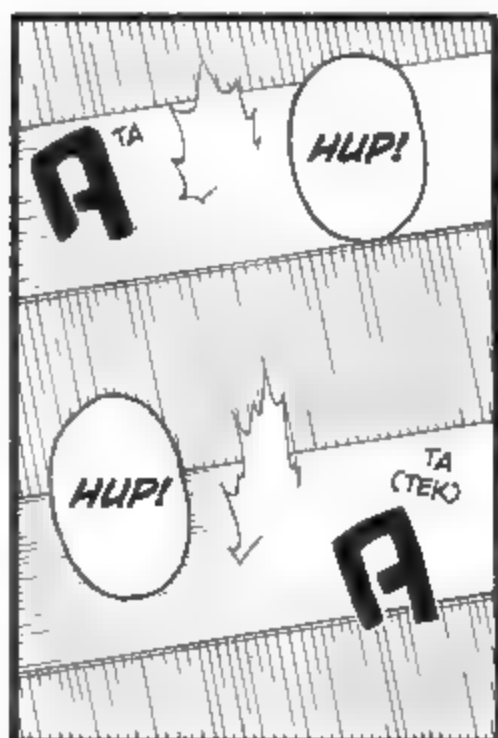
IT'S A SAVAGE  
SUPER-FOH LIFE!

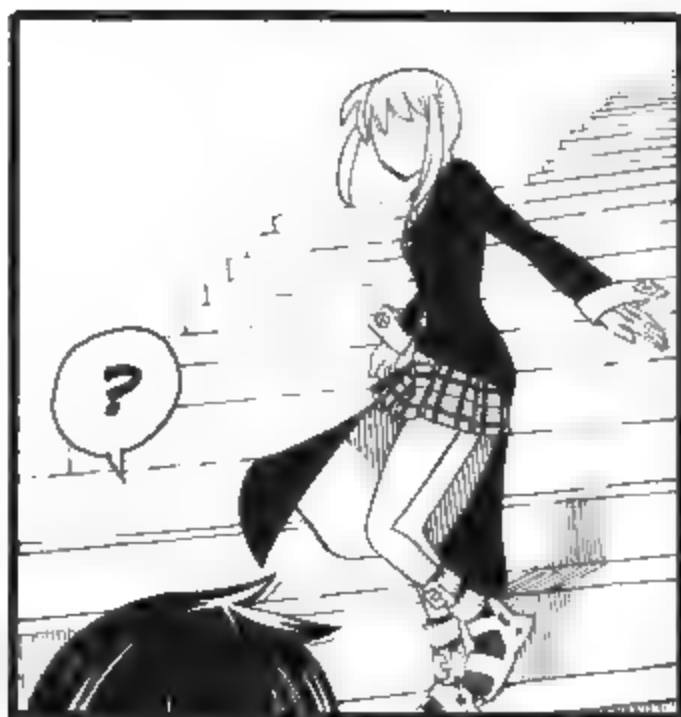
**IT'S SOUL EATER NOT!**

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AMAZING!  
SHE'S  
HOPPING UP  
THE STEPS  
WITHOUT  
LOSING HER  
BREATH...



HANG IN  
THERE!!

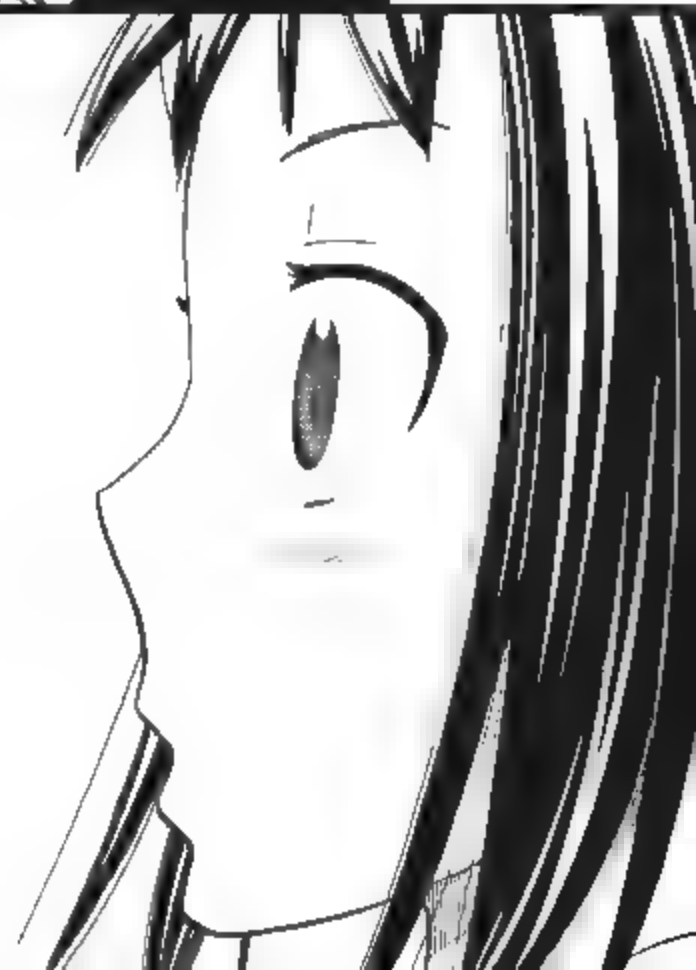
FIGHT!

YOU'RE  
ALMOST  
TO THE  
END!

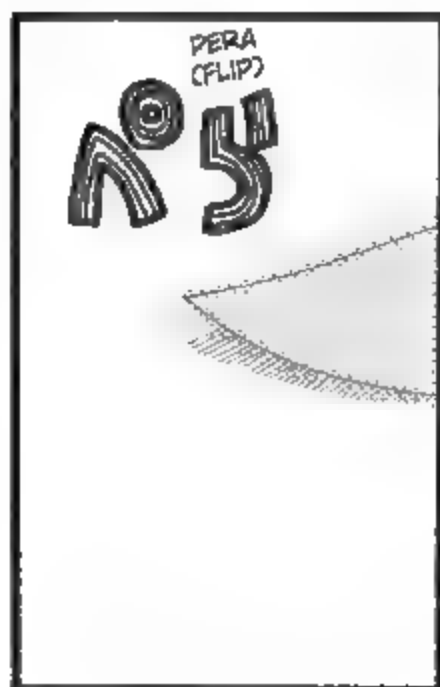
SEE  
YAI!

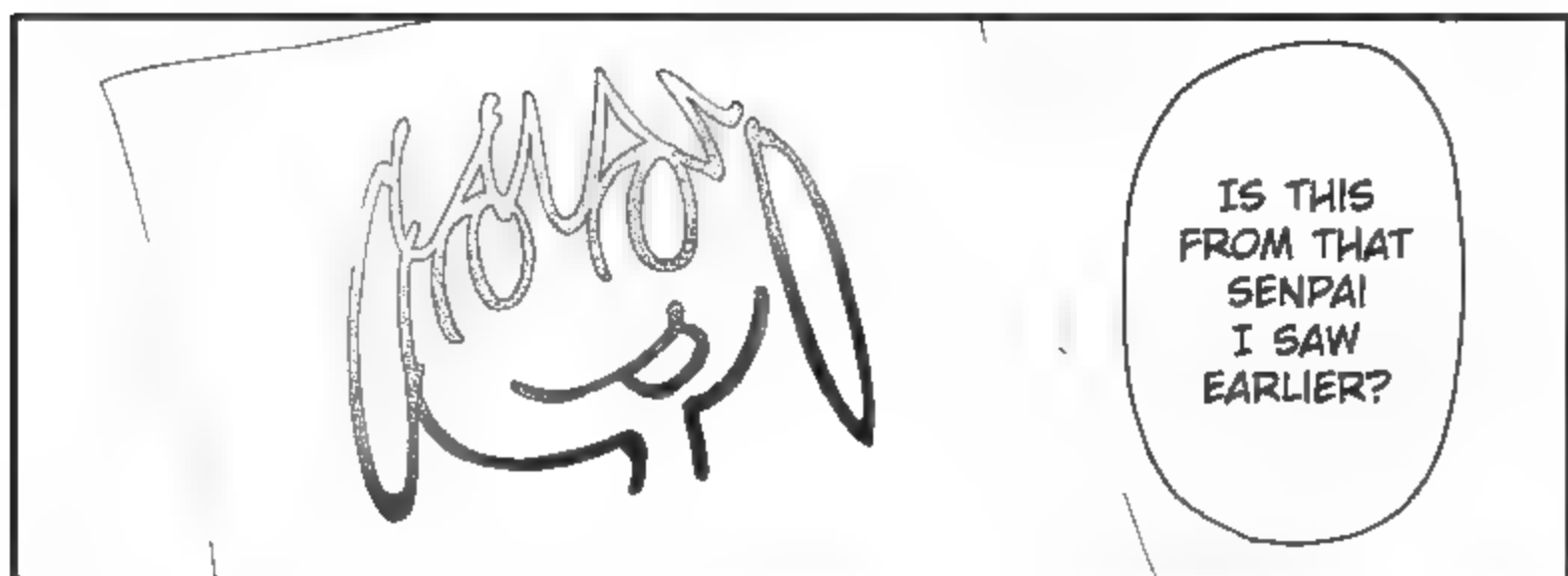
THANK  
YOU.

UH...











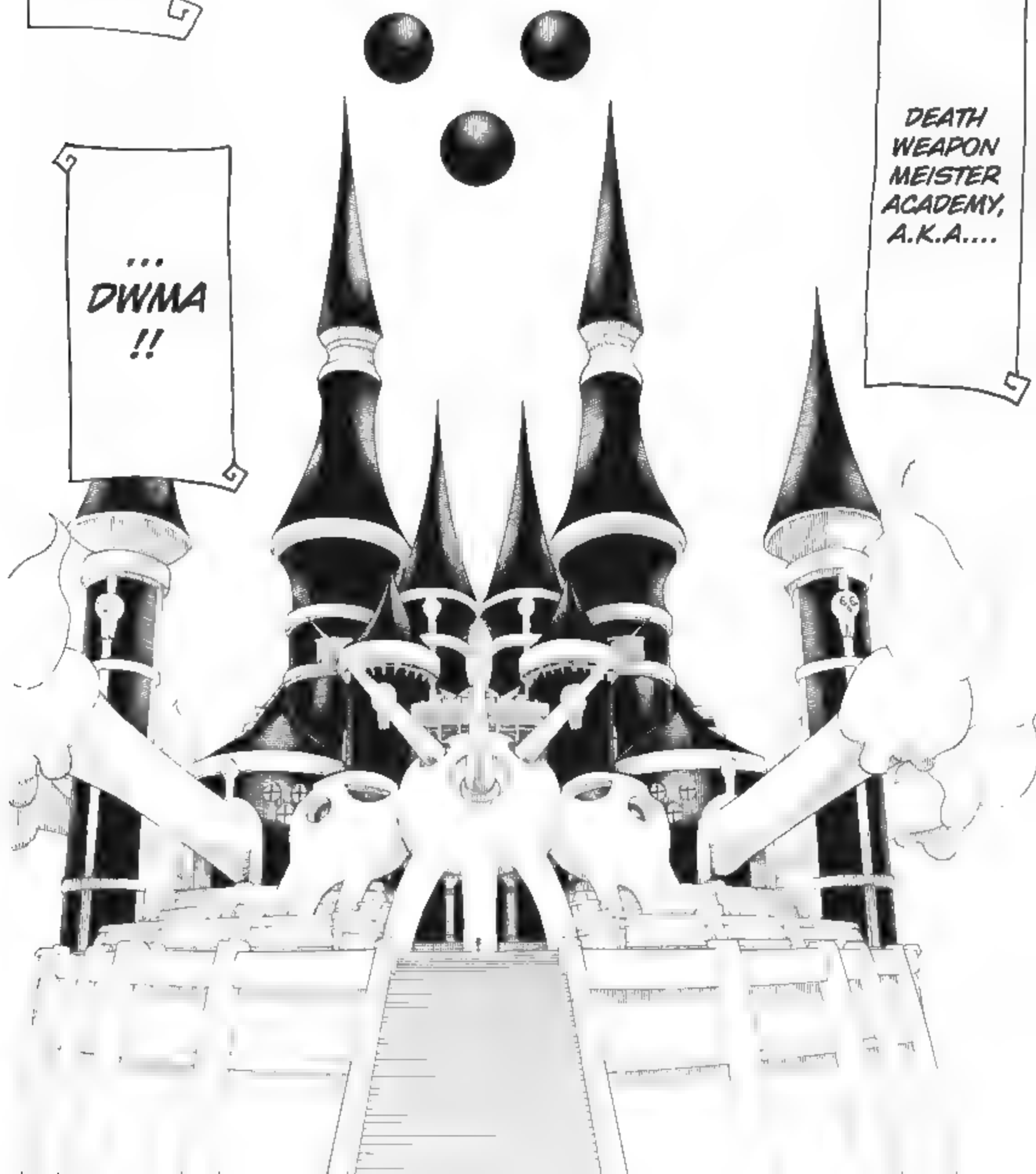
AND  
THIS...

...IS THE  
SCHOOL  
I'M  
ABOUT  
TO  
ATTEND...

MOM, DAD, BIG  
BROTHER—  
CAN YOU SEE  
THIS? IT'S  
DEATH CITY.

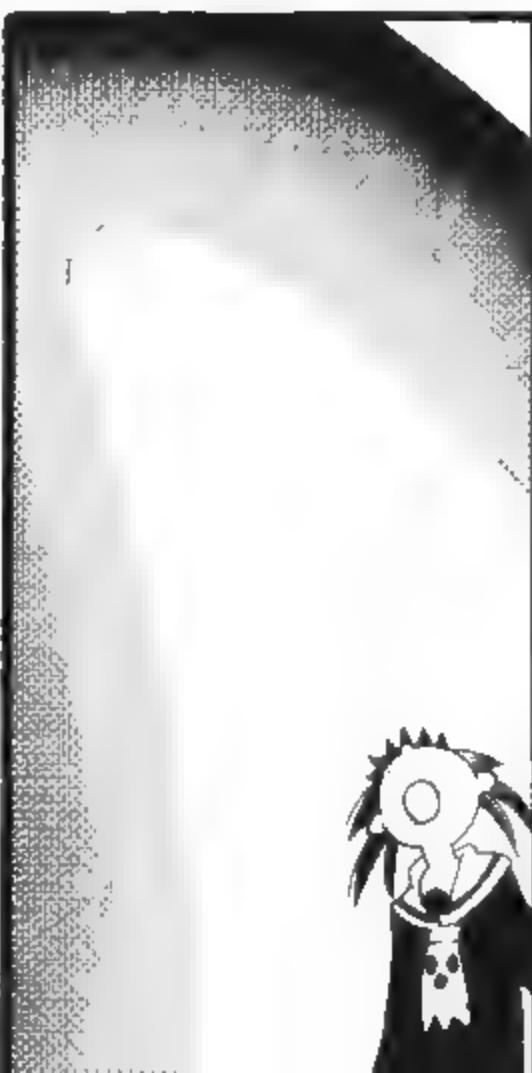
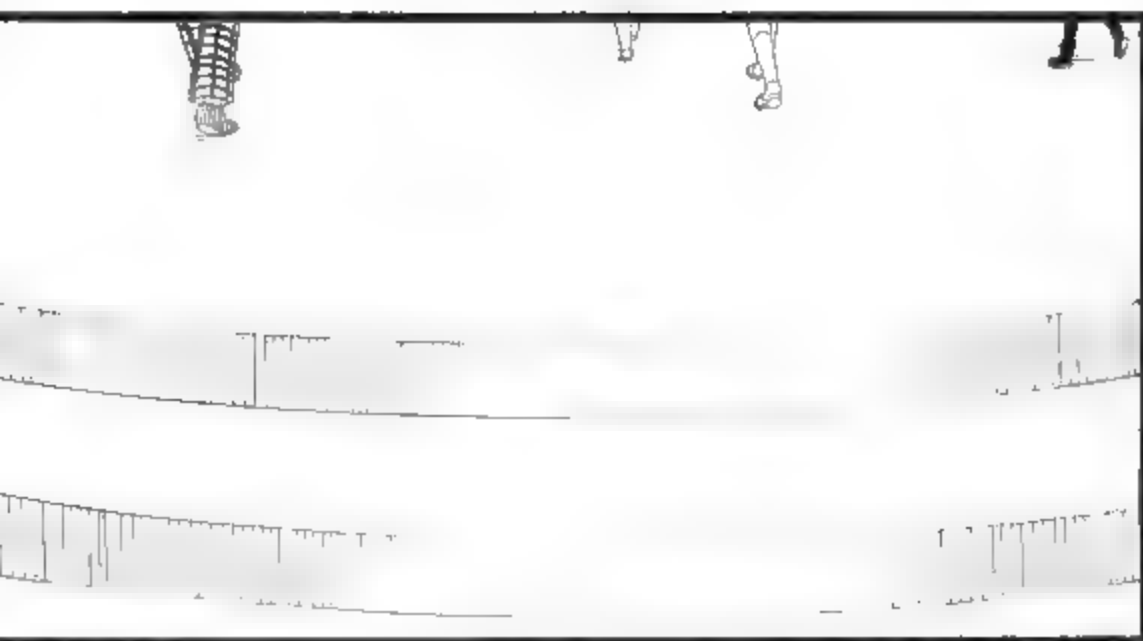
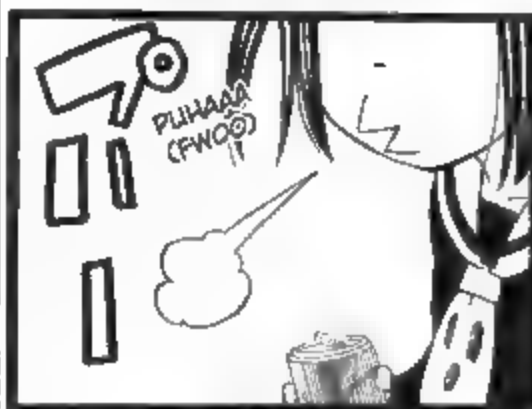
DEATH  
WEAPON  
MEISTER  
ACADEMY,  
A.K.A....

...  
DWMA  
!!





SFX: NKU (GULP) NKU





SURE DID. MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FORGET IT.

THAT COMBINATION WORKED OUT PRETTY WELL, HUH?



I GUESS IT MUST BE A PERSON, THEN...

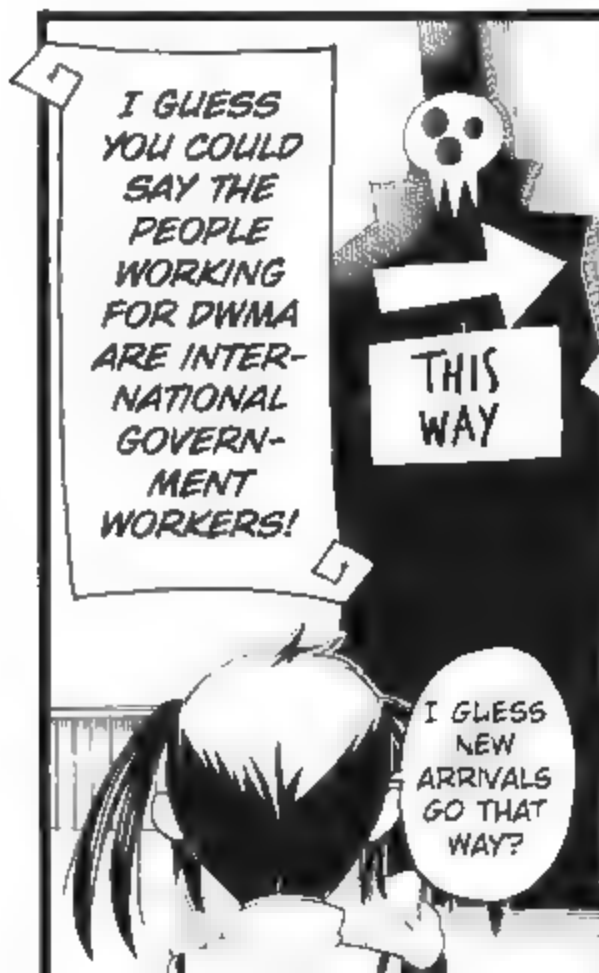
HE'S TALKING TO A WEAPON ...



WHERE'S THAT PAMPHLET...?

HANG ON.

SFX: GOSO (RUSTLE) GOSO



I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THE PEOPLE WORKING FOR DWMA ARE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS!

THIS WAY

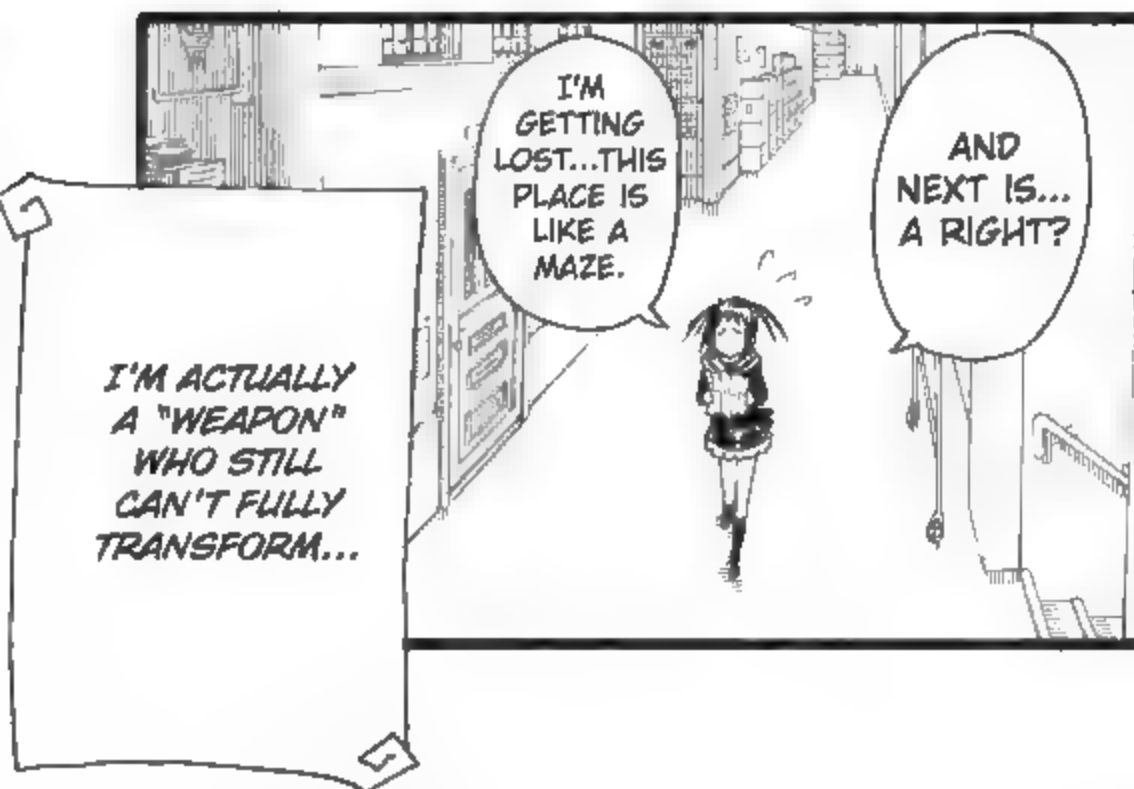
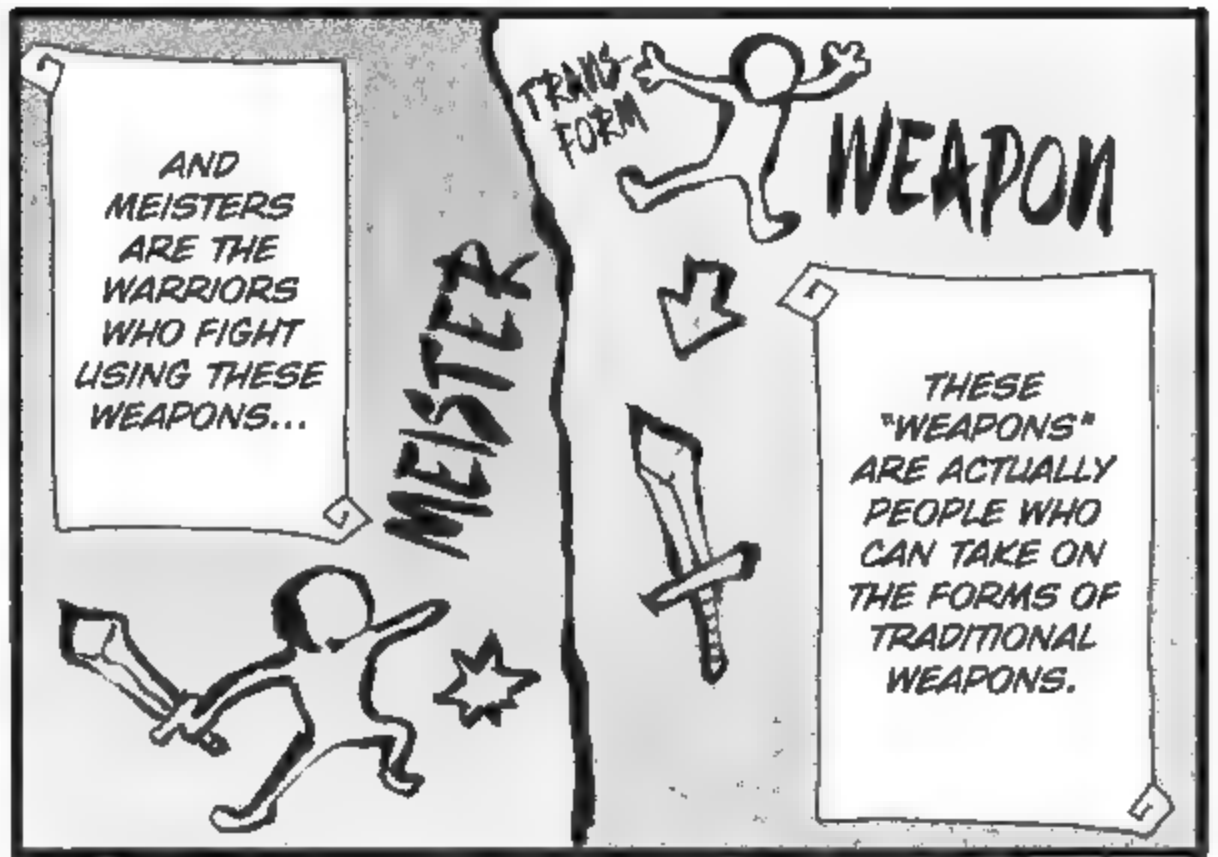
I GUESS NEW ARRIVALS GO THAT WAY?

**SHIBLI-SEN**

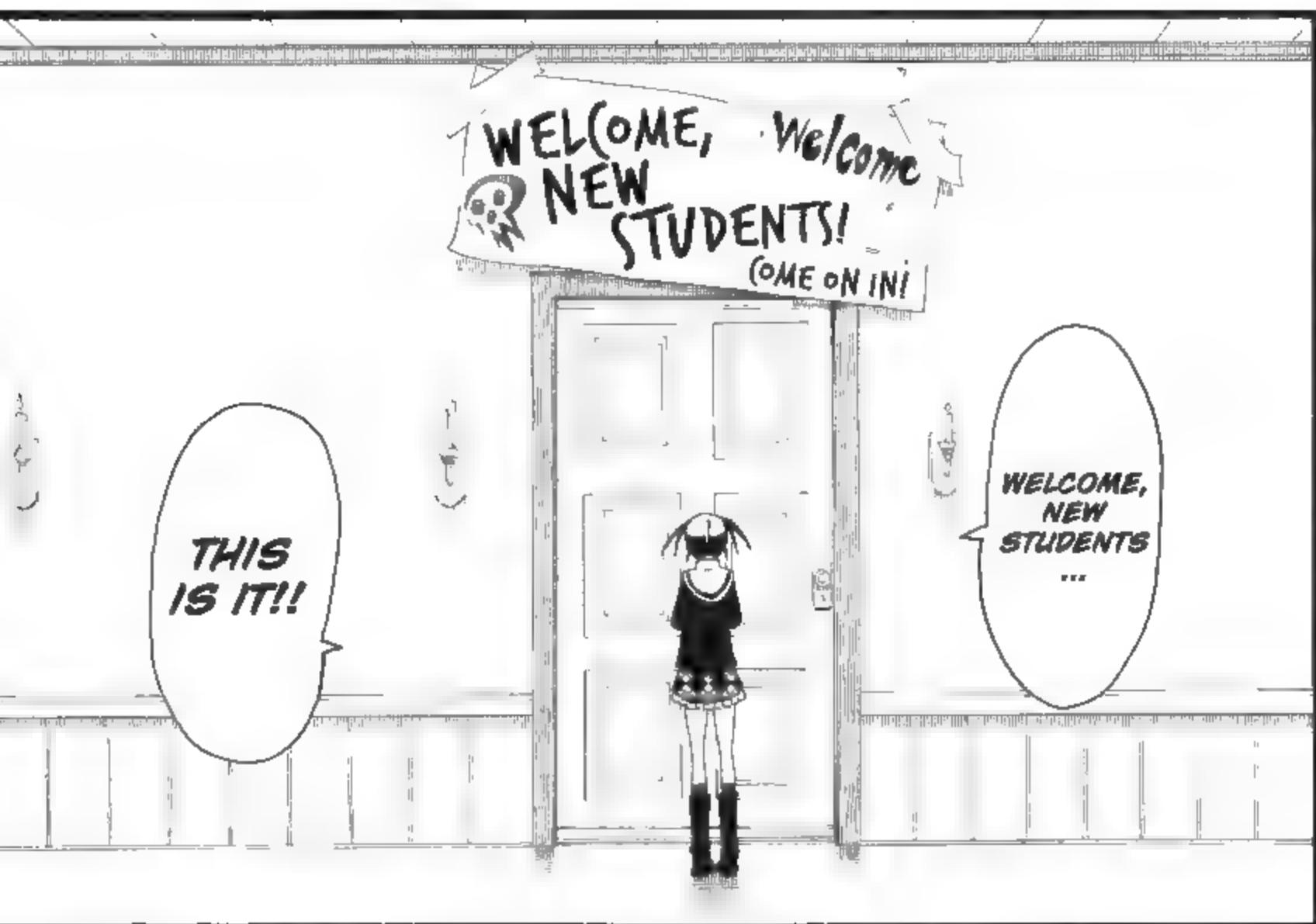
YOU COULD CALL IT A SCHOOL FOR HEROES—AN ACADEMY FUNDED BY TAXES FROM AROUND THE WORLD, DEDICATED TO TRAINING MEISTERS AND THEIR WEAPONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN WORLD ORDER.

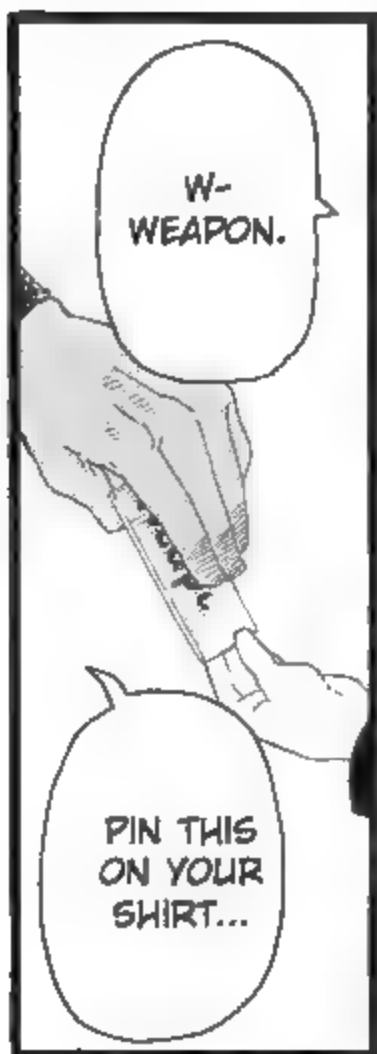


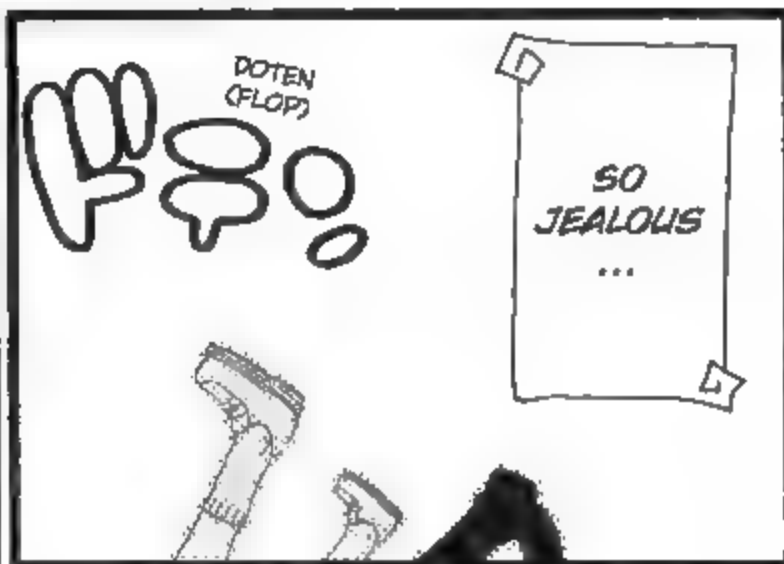
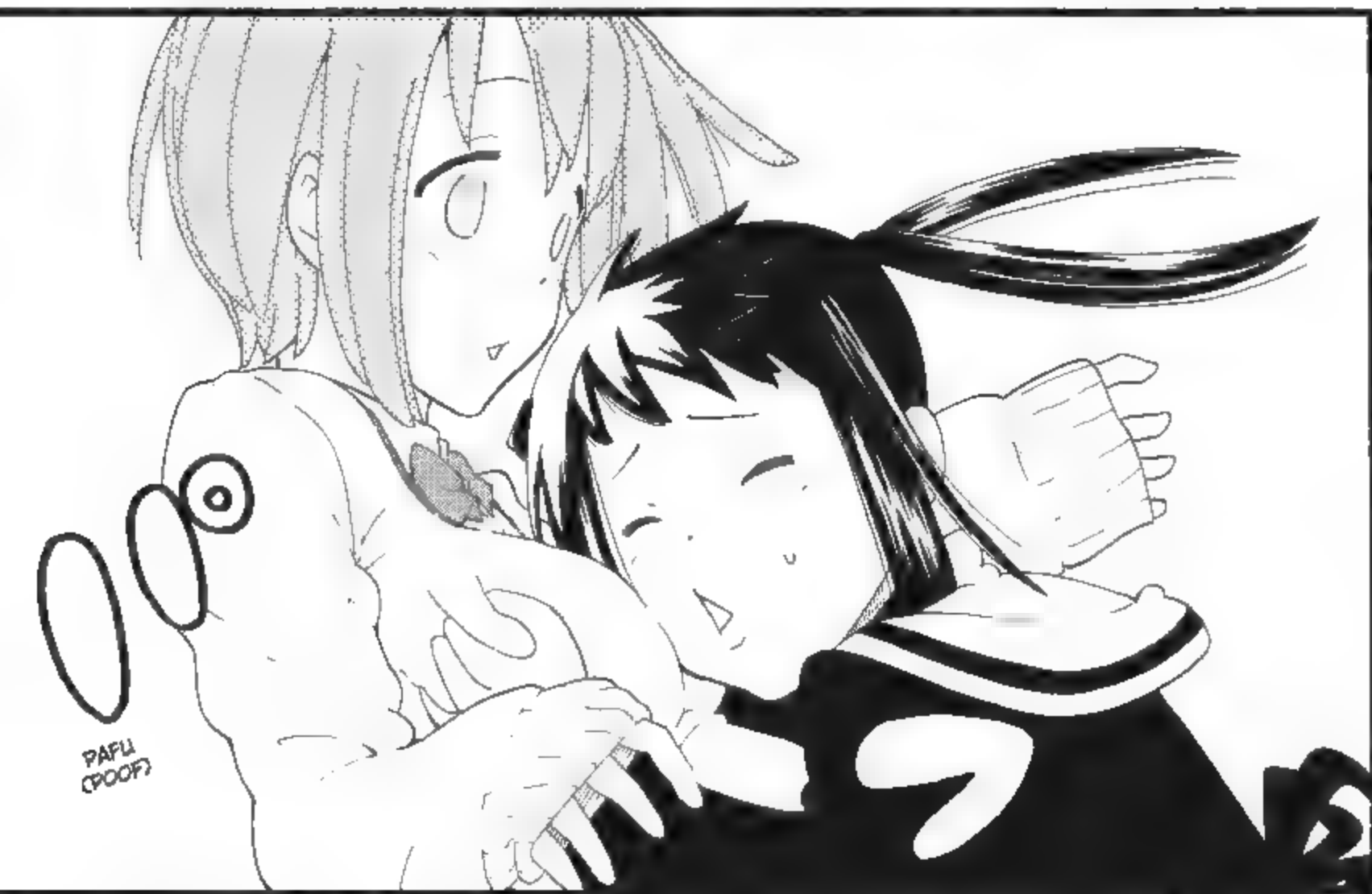
DEATH WEAPON MEISTER ACADEMY, A.K.A. DWMA OR "SHIBLI-SEN"...







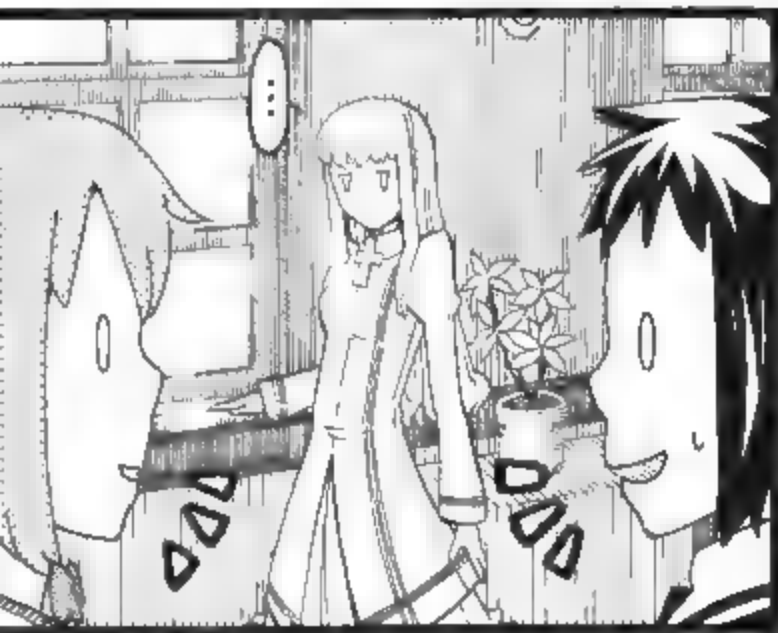








I ESCAPED THAT STUFFY OLD CASTLE TO SEE THE WORLD OF THE COMMON PEOPLE, BUT I MADE THE WRONG CHOICE. FINDING A PLACE TO SHELTER ME WAS FINE, BUT DWMA WAS A MISTAKE...I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO EXPERIENCE THE PROPER COMMON WORLD IN A SPECIALIZED SCHOOL LIKE THIS...  
I'M SUCH A FOOL!



MANY OF THE STUDENTS ARE QUITE ECCENTRIC...  
WHAT AM I DOING HERE?





**THERE!  
COMMON  
PEOPLE!!**



AND THAT  
SWEET SMILE  
ACTUALLY WORKS  
AGAINST HER  
BY MAKING HER  
SEEM EVEN MORE  
ORDINARY...

AH  
HA  
HA  
HA



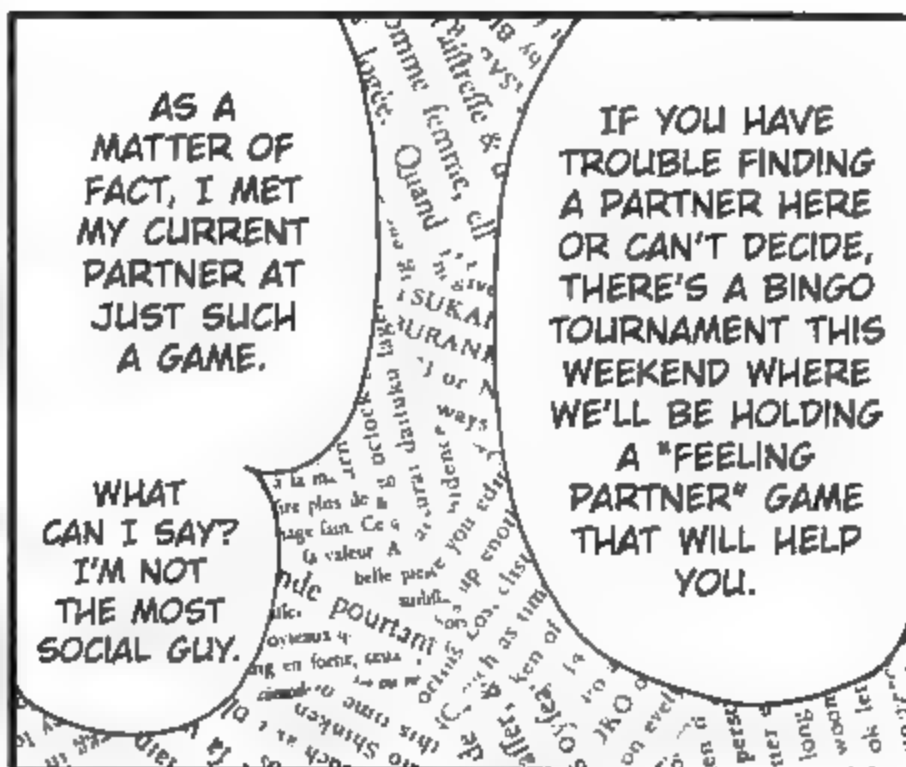
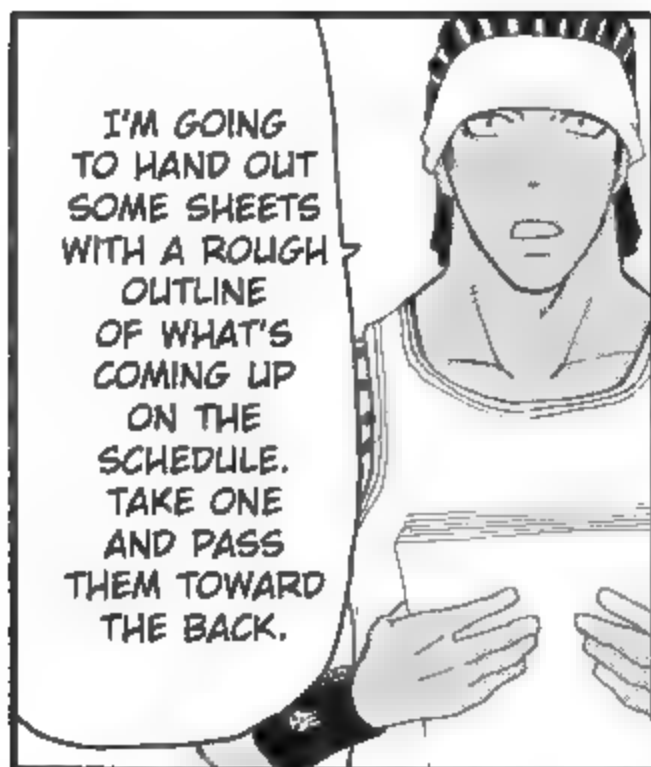
SHE...SHE'S SO—  
HOW SHOULD I SAY  
THIS...? NORMAL?  
SHE HAS NO AURA OF  
PERSONALITY ABOUT  
HER...THOSE TWIN  
PIGTAILS LOOK LIKE  
SHE MUST HAVE DONE  
THEM TO MIMIC  
SOMEONE ELSE...

YES,  
THAT'S  
IT...  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
I'VE  
BEEN  
SEEKING  
...



THE ONLY  
CHANCE SHE'D  
HAVE OF  
STANDING OUT  
WOULD BE TO  
PASS HERSELF  
OFF AS THE "GOD  
OF COMMON  
PEOPLE" AND  
HOPE SOMEONE  
WORSHIPPED  
HER.

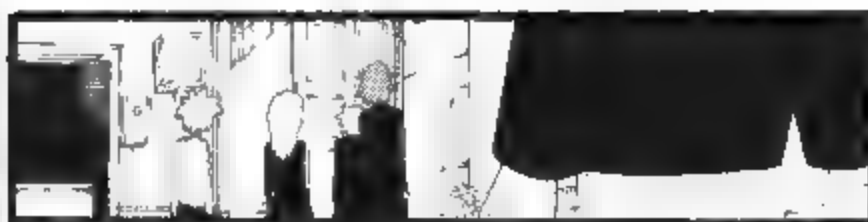






WELL,  
I'M A  
WEAPON,  
SO ALL I  
NEED IS A  
GOOD  
MEISTER...

HEY,  
WHAT'RE  
YOU GONNA  
DO ABOUT  
YOUR  
PARTNER?



ACK...

ANYONE  
WHO WAS  
EXHAUSTED  
BY THE  
TRIP TO  
SCHOOL...

...NEEDS TO  
PUT IN THE  
EFFORT TO  
CUT DOWN  
THEIR TIME IN  
THE FUTURE.



PLUS,  
IT'S JUST  
EASIER TO  
GET THEM  
TO DO  
WHAT YOU  
WANT.

THAT, AND  
IF YOU WIND  
UP WITH A  
DUDE, YOU  
HAVE TO GO  
TO THE CRAPPY  
BOYS' DORM.  
YOU WANT  
A GIRL.



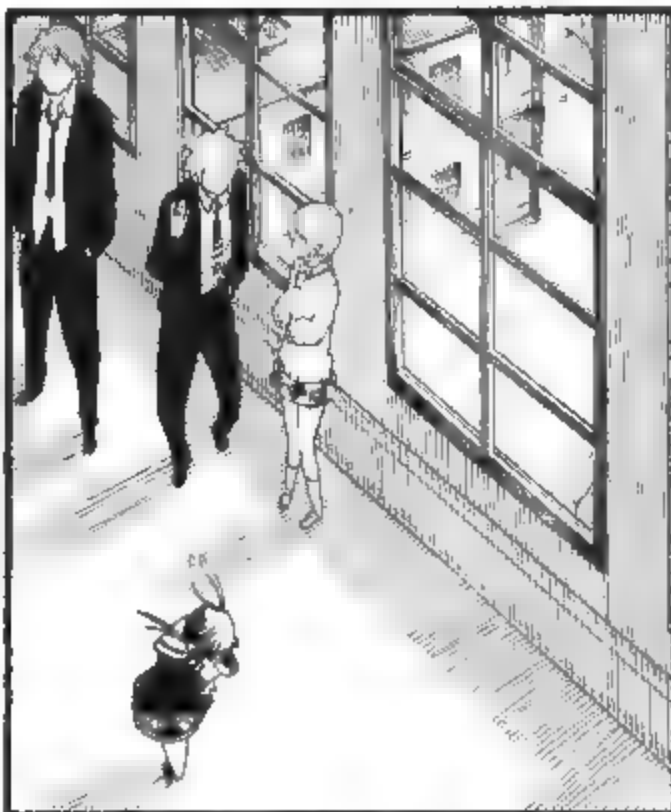
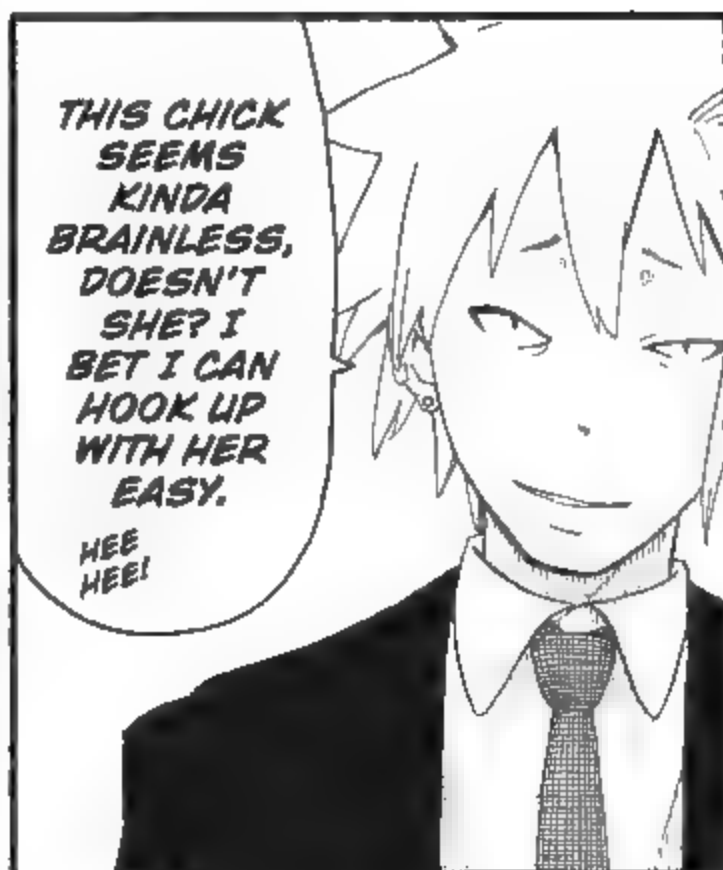
UGH, WHAT  
A PIG! I  
HAVE TO BE  
CAREFUL NOT  
TO GET STUCK  
WITH A JERK  
LIKE HIM.

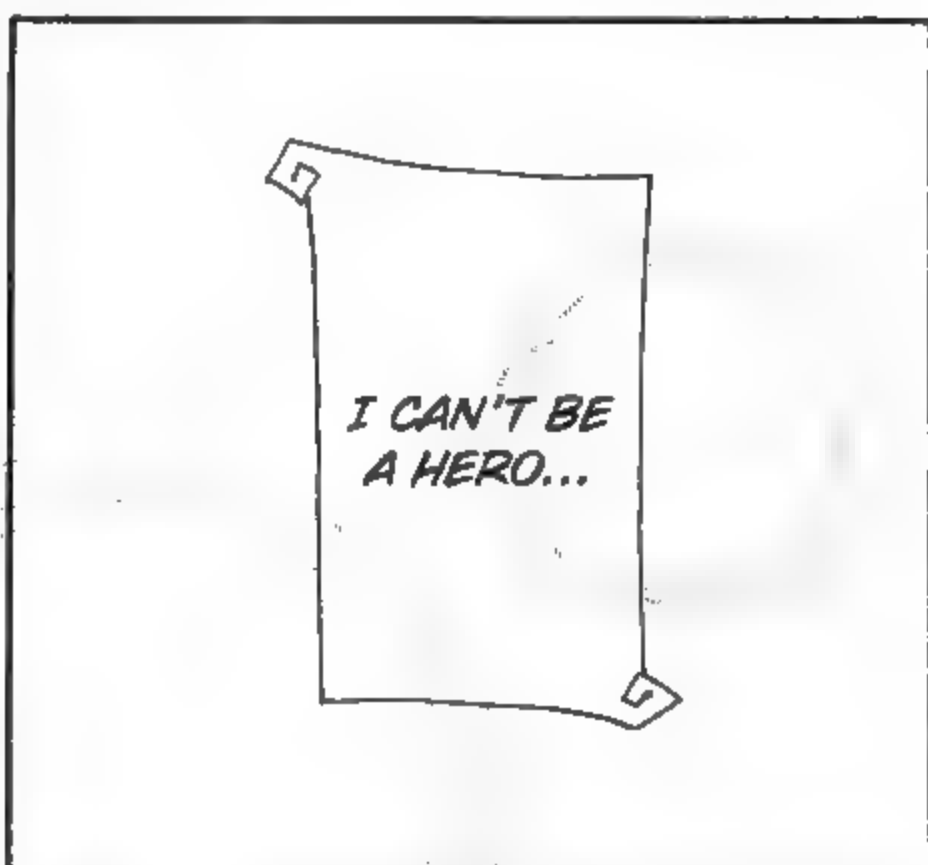
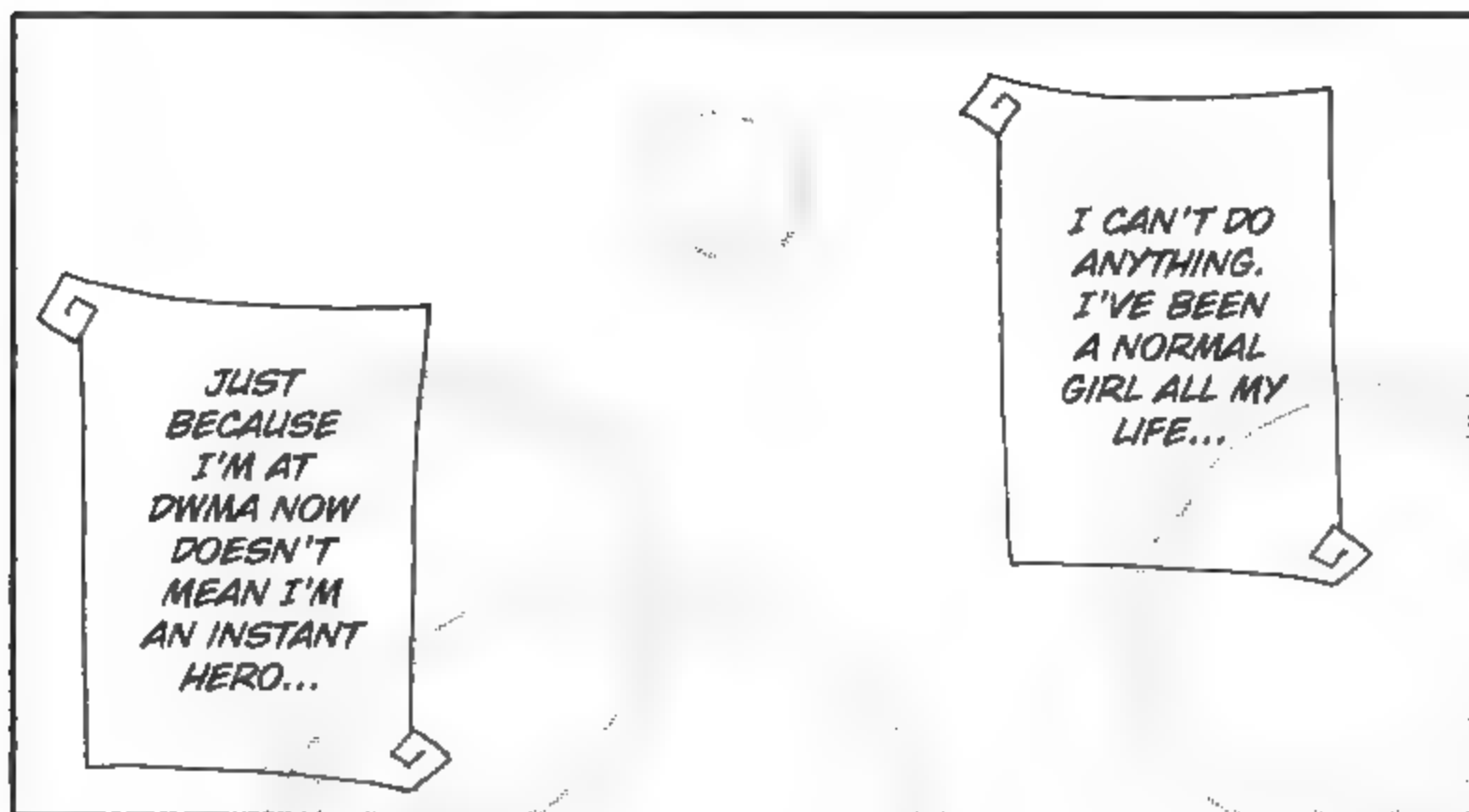


WHAT'S  
UP?

CHECK  
IT OUT.

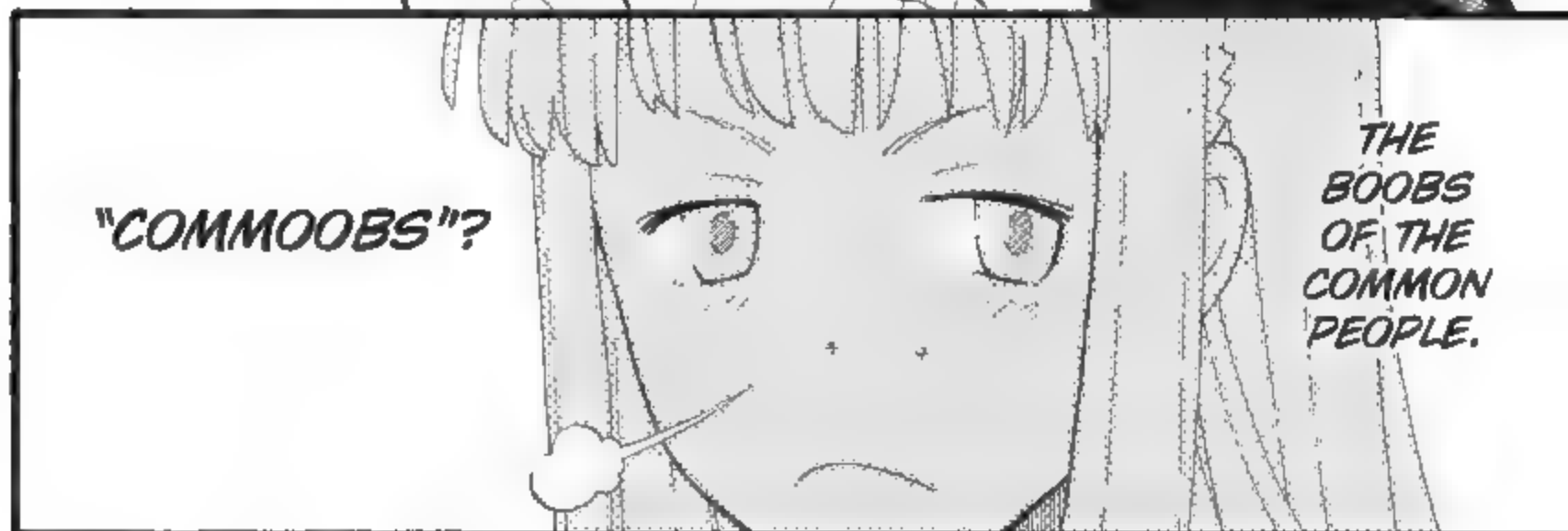
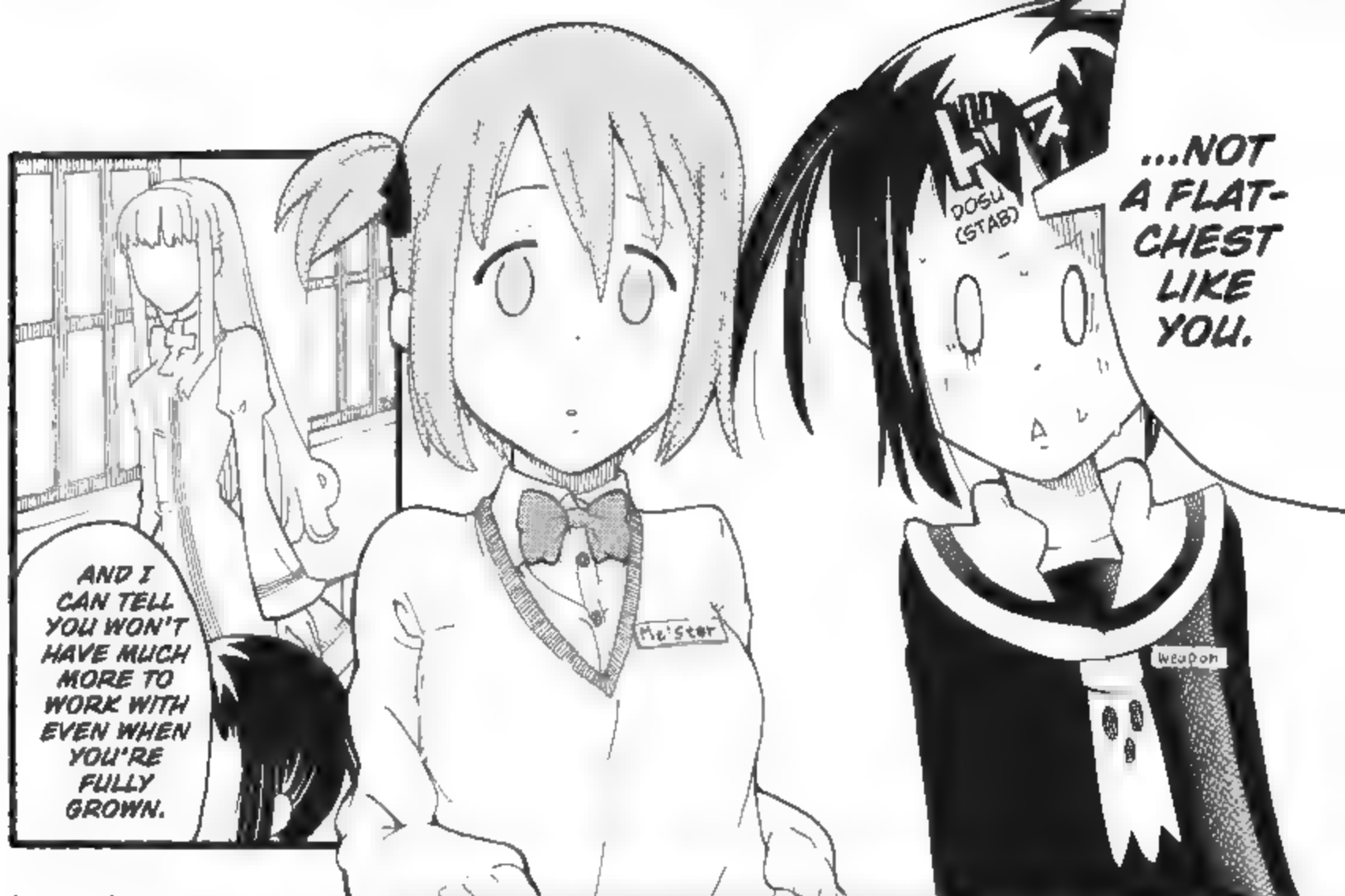
HEY...











**VULGAR  
SLOBS.**

7  
7

FUN  
CHMPLO

WHAT!?

I BELIEVE  
THAT WAS  
THE POINT.  
SHALL  
WE?

STRENGTH  
REIGNS  
SUPREME  
AT DWMA!  
YOU REALLY  
WANT TO  
GO THERE?

WHOA, YOU  
PICKING A  
FIGHT WITH  
ME?

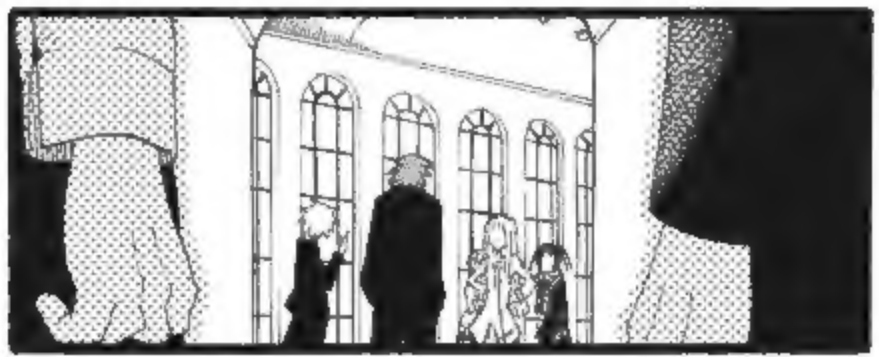
Meister

WHA-  
AAAT  
!?

HARUDORI-  
SAN, WAS IT?  
YOU'RE A  
WEAPON,  
AREN'T YOU?  
SO TRANS-  
FORM.

...I  
CAN'T  
TRANS-  
FORM  
YET.

B-  
BUT...I...



WAIT.  
LET'S  
HANG  
BACK  
AND  
WATCH.



HEY.



WHAT'S  
THIS? A FIGHT  
BREAKING OUT?  
WELL, THAT'S  
JUST THE KIND  
OF SCHOOL  
THIS IS.

!!



TRANS-  
FORM.



SHUBA  
(ZWOOO)



NAH.

THAT'S  
JUST THE  
KIND OF  
SCHOOL  
THIS IS.



YOU AREN'T  
GOING TO  
STOP THEM,  
SID-SENSEI?



YOU'D  
BETTER DO  
IT SOON,  
BEFORE  
THEY  
ATTACK  
US.

AND  
SO  
WILL  
YOU.



HE TRANS-  
FORMED  
INTO A  
WEAPON!



BUT...  
I CAN'T.  
I JUST  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
ON THE  
SPOT...



WANT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?  
GRAB A COPY OF SOUL EATER NOT! VOLUME 1!

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